Sixth Annual Meeting

Ruston, Louisiana

February 11-15, 1916

# Woman's Missionary Society

*Louisiana Conference*

*Methodist Episcopal Church, South*

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## HISTORICAL DATA.

The Woman's Missionary Siciety of the Louisiana Conference was organized in Baton Rouge in 1878. Mrs. W. M. Reade of that city was elected President. There were probably no annual meetings held, Mrs. Reade having charge of the work until 1884, when the Society was re-organized. From that time we have the following record:

| President. | Place. | Year. |
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| Mrs. W. M. Reade, Baton Rouge | Mansfield | 1884 |
| Mrs. T. P. Fullilove, Shreveport | Minden | 1885 |
| Mrs. T. P. Fullilove, Shreveport | Mansfield | 1886 |
| Mrs. T. P. Fullilove, Shreveport | Ruston | 1887 |
| Mrs. T. P. Fullilove, Shreveport | Alexandria | 1888 |
| Mrs. T. P. Fullilove, Shreveport | Delhi | 1889 |
| Mrs. T. P. Fullilove, Shreveport | Baton Rouge | 1890 |
| No record of meeting in | | 1891 |
| Mrs. T. P. Fullilove, Shreveport | Keatchi | 1892 |
| Mrs. T. P. Fullilove, Shreveport | Grand Cane | 1893 |
| Mrs. T. P. Fullilove, Shreveport | Lecompte | 1894 |
| Name changed to Woman's Foreign Missionary Society | | 1894 |
| Mrs. T. P. Fullilove, Shreveport | Crowley | 1895 |
| Mrs. T. P. Fullilove, Shreveport | Mansfield | 1896 |
| Mrs. T. P. Fullilove, Shreveport | Homer | 1897 |
| Mrs. W. H. LaPrade, New Orleans | Opelousas | 1898 |
| Mrs. W. H. LaPrade, New Orleans | Minden | 1899 |
| Mrs. W. H. LaPrade, New Orleans | Shreveport | 1900 |
| Mrs. W. H. LaPrade, New Orleans | Monroe | 1901 |
| Mrs. W. H. LaPrade, New Orleans | Rayne Memorial, N. O. | 1902 |
| Mrs. W. H. LaPrade, New Orleans | Bunkie | 1903 |
| Mrs. W. H. LaPrade, New Orleans | Opelousas | 1904 |
| Mrs. W. H. LaPrade, New Orleans | Ruston | 1905 |
| Mrs. S. A. Montgomery, New Orleans | Alexandria | 1906 |
| Mrs. S. A. Montgomery, New Orleans | Lake Charles | 1907 |
| Mrs. S. A. Montgomery, New Orleans | Shreveport | 1908 |
| Mrs. S. A. Montgomery, New Orleans | Monroe | 1909 |
| Mrs. W. W. Carre, New Orleans | Alexandria | 1910 |
| Woman's Foreign Missionary and Home Mission Societies united forming Woman's Missionary Society in | | 1911 |

## HISTORICAL DATA.

In 1891 the "Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society" was organized in New Orleans with Mrs. F. A. Lyons, President. In 1898 the word Parsonage was dropped leaving it the Woman's Home Mission Society. The first annual meeting was held in 1893:

| President. | Place. | Year. |
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| Mrs. F. A. Lyons | Felicity Church, N. O. | 1893 |
| Mrs. F. A. Lyons | La. Ave. Church, N. O | 1894 |
| Mrs. F. A. Lyons | New Iberia | 1895 |
| Mrs. F. A. Lyons | Ruston | 1896 |
| Mrs. F. A. Lyons | New Orleans | 1897 |
| Mrs. F. A. Lyons | Lafayette | 1898 |
| Mrs. F. A. Lyons | Alexandria | 1890 |
| Mrs. F. A. Lyons | Shreveport | 1900 |
| Mrs. F. A. Lyons | Ruston | 1901 |
| Mrs. F. A. Lyons | Mer Rouge | 1902 |
| Mrs. F. A. Lyons | Crowley | 1903 |
| Mrs. F. A. Lyons | Alexandria | 1904 |
| Mrs. F. A. Lyons | Shreveport | 1905 |
| Mrs. F. A. Lyons | Baton Rouge | 1906 |
| Mrs. E. R. Kennedy, Lafayette | Lafayette | 1907 |
| Mrs. E. R. Kennedy, Lafayette | Minden | 1908 |
| Mrs. E. R. Kennedy, Lafayette | Mansfield | 1909 |
| Mrs. E. R. Kennedy, Lafayette | New Orleans | 1910 |
| Societies united forming Woman's Missionary Society | | 1911 |
| Mrs. E. R. Kennedy, Lafayette | Monroe | 1911 |
| Mrs. Abel Bliss, Shreveport | Natchitoches | 1912 |
| Mrs. Abel Bliss, Shreveport | Baton Rougé | 1913 |
| Mrs. Abel Bliss, Shreveport | Rayville | 1914 |
| Mrs. Abel Bliss, Shreveport | New Orleans | 1915 |

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Ruston ..... Mrs. Joe Miller, Minden
Shreveport ..... Mrs. Ben Johnson, Mansfield



Deaconess + missionaries address

# FOREWORD

The Sixth annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, South, Louisiana Conference, was held in First Church, Ruston, February 11-15. A most cordial welcome was given by the people of Ruston, which contributed to the comfort and success of the session. The church auditorium presented an appearance in keeping with the purpose and spirit of the meeting. The great work in which our Church is engaged was forcefully illustrated by maps, charts, and mottoes.

The first devotional service was conducted by Mrs. Geo. Sexton, who also conducted the noonday Bible lessons, which were a spiritual feast; then followed the Holy Communion, administered by Dr. J. M. Henry, assisted by Revs. A. S. Lutz and C. D. Atkinson. At this time the workers were drawn into closest fellowship with the Father.

All reports show a steady growth in every department of the work. The Anniversary Sermon was preached by Rev. N. E. Joyner, of New Orleans. We were especially fortunate in having as our Council guest our Home Base Secretary, Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, of Nashville, Tenn. She was an inspiration to the workers, as was also Miss Estelle Haskin, who represented "The Young Christian Worker" and gave most splendid talks on Social Service work.

On the afternoon of the first day, at 3:30 o'clock, the Conference adjourned and attended a reception tendered the visiting guests by Rev. and Mrs. R. W. Vaughan at the Orphanage, where they were served and entertained by the children of the Home. All were glad for this opportunity of visiting this institution of our Church, and left expressing words of appreciation of the management.

Two items of especial importance were brought before the Conference. First—A "whirlwind campaign" for auxiliaries

and members in May. In this it is hoped to attain the Council's ideal, "An auxiliary in every Church, and every woman and child a member." Second—"Harvest Day," which is set for December 1st, when we hope all our obligations shall be met in full by the quarterly payment of all moneys.

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# OFFICIAL MINUTES

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The opening session of the Sixth annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Louisiana Conference was held in First Methodist Church, Ruston, La., February 11th, 1916, with the President, Mrs. Abel Bliss, presiding. Hymn 654, "O Zion Haste," was sung. The devotional service was led by Mrs. Geo. Sexton. A Scripture lesson was read. She specially stressed the planting of Jesus deep in our hearts. After prayer by Dr. J. M. Henry, Hymn 147, "'Tis Midnight in the Garden," was sung as a preparation for the communion service, which was administered by Dr. J. M. Henry, assisted by Rev. C. D. Atkinson and Rev. A. S. Lutz. After singing "He Leadeth Me," the regular business of the afternoon was taken up.

Roll of officers called, and all present but two. Enrollment of delegates. The bar was fixed and the delegates were seated. The following delegates were enrolled:

Council Guests—Miss Estelle Haskin, Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb; Deaconess, Miss Eliza Iles; Deaconess, Miss Kate Walker; Deaconess, Miss Grace Gatewood.

Conference Delegates—Alexandria District: Mrs. W. T. Cunningham, Mrs. R. W. Winstead, Mrs. J. E. Adams, Mrs. T. J. Dewitt, Miss Anna Watson, Mrs. A. C. Lyons, Mrs. R. H. McGimsy, Mrs. T. W. Holloman, Mrs. W. D. Haas. Baton Rouge District: Mrs. Mary Reade Goodale. Lafayette District: Mrs. A. P. Holt, Mrs. C. C. Carver, Mrs. W. H. Moore, Mrs. W. M. Buchanan, Mrs. E. R. Kennedy. Monroe District: Rev. T. H. Morris, Mrs. J. C. Calhoun, Mrs. J. M. Munholland, Mrs. R. P. Benson, Miss Mollie Higginbothom, Mrs. M. E. Johnston, Mrs. H. J. Norris, Miss Fannie E. Norman, Mrs. T. H. Morris, Mrs. W. C. Bozeman, Mrs. Mary Moffett, Mrs. M. M. Munholland,

Mrs. A. B. Baird, Mrs. C. Moffett, Mrs. Joe Williamson, Mrs. T. B. Neely. Juniors: Miss Etta Cassidy, Miss Frances Germany, Miss Lela Germany, Miss Alice Rettit, Miss Dawson Band, Miss Estell Schule, Miss Celia Reynolds, Miss Alice Washburn, Miss Jesse Munholland, Miss Edith Bragg, Miss Alma Williamson, Miss Velma Weakley, Miss Ida Mae Flynn, Miss Geneva Washburne, Miss Emma Hudspeth, Miss Mary Munholland, Miss Myrtus Cooper, Miss Mary Elizabeth Bachman, Miss Bettie Belle Rolfe. New Orleans District: Mrs. A. F. Godat, Mrs. C. F. Niebergall, Rev. N. E. Joyner. Ruston District: Mrs. A. C. McKinney, Mrs. J. J. Holmes, Mrs. Bessie Hardy, Mrs. W. R. Pratt, Mrs. Joel Durham, Mrs. R. R. Gibson, Mrs. J. J. Holmes, Mrs. D. W. Stewart, Mrs. W. S. Upchurch, Mrs. Thos. W. Fuller, Mrs. J. J. Mixon, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. R. W. Vaughan, Mrs. C. B. Carter, Mrs. J. M. Henry, Mrs. Joe Miller, Miss Noma Gray Davis, Mrs. H. M. Seroggin, Mrs. W. H. Luck, Mrs. T. B. White, Mrs. Bryant Coleman, Mrs. Walker Fomby, Mrs. E. K. Means, Rev. E. K. Means, Mrs. McHenry, Mrs. Snelling. Shreveport District: Mrs. Abel Bliss, Mrs. Ben Johnson, Mrs. B. C. English, Mrs. C. E. Wood, Mrs. E. J. Conger, Mrs. Geo. Sexton, Mrs. W. S. Norman, Miss Martha Hughes, Mrs. R. E. Bobbitt, Mrs. S. A. Alexandria, Mrs. R. H. Wynn, Mrs. E. A. Drew, Mrs. A. G. Shankle, Mrs. C. H. Dickson, Mrs. A. W. Baird, Miss Lenna Petty.

The Secretary read the report of the meetings of the Executive Committee which was accepted

February 10th, 1916.

A meeting of the Executive Committee and District Secretaries of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Louisiana Conference was held in the pastor's study of the Methodist Church, Ruston, at 7:45 o'clock p. m., Mrs. Abel Bliss, the President, presiding. Mrs. C. B. Carter led the devotional service reading the 15th Chapter of John. Business was taken up. Roll of officers called showed ten present.

A motion was made that this be a delegated body, amended by Mrs. J. J. Holmes, that each auxiliary be allowed one delegate for every ten members, this was carried. The next business taken up was the naming of the Chairmen of all Standing Committees for the Annual Session. Adjourned to meet at 9:45 o'clock, Friday, a. m.

February 11th, 1916.

The Executive Committee held a business session in the church parlors, Ruston First Church, at 9:30 o'clock Friday morning, Mrs. Bliss presiding. Mrs. A. F. Godat conducted the devotional service, after which business was taken up. The first business was completing the list of Standing Committees to serve for the Annual Session. It was recommended that the next annual meeting be held the second Tuesday after the second Sunday in February. A motion carried that the reports of District Secretaries be tabulated in the Minutes. On motion, all presiding elders and pastors in the respective districts be provided with a copy of the Annual Minutes. On motion one thousand copies of Minutes were ordered printed. Then followed a meeting with the presiding elders and officers as to plans for carrying forward the work in the State.

Mrs. Bliss read a communication from Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, our Home Base Secretary, which contained some pre-Council plans to be launched in behalf of the work.

The officers urged the presiding elders to interest the pastors to co-operate with them in the Missionary Campaign.

Mrs. Holt read a letter from Miss Gibson in regard to Scarritt's recent endowment calamity. Prayer was offered in Scarritt's behalf. Following this the meeting adjourned to meet at 1:30 o'clock.

The Standing Committees were read as follows:

Committee on Extension of Work—Mrs. A. P. Holt, Mrs. C. F. Niebergall, Mrs. W. D. Haas, Mrs. E. B. Reagan, Mrs. Drewett, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. A. W. Baird, Mrs. E. J. Conger, Mrs. S. A. Alexandria, Miss Watson, Mrs. R. W. Winstead, Mrs. C. B. Carter, Mrs. R. E. Bobbitt, Mrs. J. E. Walters, Mrs. W. M. Buchanan, Mrs. J. M. Munholland, Mrs. A. C. Lyons.

Committee on Finance—Mrs. J. J. Holmes, Mrs. T. H. Morris, Mrs. C. F. Niebergall, Mrs. J. E. Guardia, Mrs. Thos. Fuller, Mrs. C. B. Carter, Mrs. Gahagan.

Committee on Temperance—Mrs. A. C. McKinney, Mrs. Norwood, Mrs. M. R. Goodale.

Committee on Junior Work—Mrs. J. M. Henry, Mrs. W. J. Holloman, Mrs. Norris, Miss M. Higginbotham, Mrs. W. L. Doss, Mrs. Gus Ferguson, Mrs. C. C. Carver, Mrs. J. G. Snelling.

Committee on Supplies—Mrs. A. F. Godat, Mrs. C. E. Wood, Mrs. J. M. Smith, Mrs. W. H. Luck.

Committee on Young People's Work—Mrs. W. T. Cunningham, Mrs. F. B. Neely, Mrs. W. R. Pratt, Mrs. R. W. Winstead, Mrs. Joe Miller, Miss Davis, Miss Hardy, Miss Iles, Mrs. Kress Gibbons, Miss Petty.

Committee on Standing Rules—Mrs. A. P. Holt, Mrs. Anna Cox-Lyons, Mrs. B. C. English, Mrs. R. W. Winstead, Mrs. C. B. Carter, Mrs. R. E. Bobbitt, Mrs. C. F. Niebergall, Mrs. J. M. Munholland, Mrs. W. M. Buchanan, Mrs. Ben Johnson.

Committee on Editing Minutes—Mrs. John C. Calhoun, Mrs. Ben F. Tatum, Miss Fannie Norman.

Committee on Resolutions—Mrs. R. H. Wynn, Mrs. R. E. Bobbitt, Mrs. W. L. Doss, Mrs. J. E. Guardia.

Committee on Enrollment—Mrs. W. R. Pratt, Mrs. Walker Riser.

Committee on Courtesies—Mrs. C. B. Carter, Mrs. S. L. White, Mrs. J. M. Henry.

Committee on Sale of Literature—Mrs. A. C. McKinney.

Committee on Periodicals—Mrs. J. E. Guardia.

Committee on Mission Study and Publicity—Mrs. A. C. McKinney, Mrs. Anna Gouch, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Geo. Sexton, Mrs. Bozeman, Mrs. M. R. Goodale, Mrs. McHenry, Mrs. Fomby, Miss Fannie Norman.

Committee on Social Service—Mrs. E. R. Kennedy, Mrs. J. W. Stewart, Mrs. C. C. Brown, Mrs. L. C. Johnson, Mrs. F. B. Neely, Mrs. T. B. White, Miss Grace Gatewood, Mrs. Coleman, Mrs. Lily Blanks, Mrs. Shankle.

Committee on Nomination—Mrs. W. D. Haas, Mrs. M. R. Goodale, Mrs. C. B. Carter, Mrs. T. H. Morris, Mrs. A. F. Godat, Miss Kate Walker.

Committee on "Young Christian Worker"—Miss Estelle Haskin.

The President's message followed, in which she sounded a note for advance and touched on the church-wide campaign of organization, urging the women to press on with the work, striving for a broader outlook.

Report of the Conference Corresponding Secretary, Mrs.

A. P. Holt, was read and accepted, after which our deaconesses, Misses Iles, Walker, and Gatewood, were presented. The session adjourned to attend in a body the reception so graciously planned by Rev. and Mrs. R. W. Vaughan at the Orphanage.

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## FRIDAY EVENING.

Hymn 57, "Earth and Heaven are Full of Thee."

Devotional Service was led by Miss Eliza Iles, reading a Scripture lesson from Isaiah. Revs. J. M. Henry and C. B. Carter, hosts of the Conference, were presented, and each gave most cordial words of greeting and appreciation of the work of the Woman's Missionary Society.

Report of Conference Treasurer, Mrs. J. J. Holmes, was given and accepted, with standing appreciation of same. Her report showed an increase of $1214 over last year.

Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, our Council guest, was presented, and she gave a very helpful and inspiring address.

Hymn, "Nearer My God To Thee," was sung.

Benediction.

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## SATURDAY MORNING.

The morning session opened by singing Hymn 317, "More Love To Thee." Devotional service was led by our deaconess, Miss Kate Walker, a Scripture lesson being read from Luke.

Meeting called to order for business. Minutes were read and approved.

Mrs. Holt read a message of love and greeting from our beloved Mrs. S. S. Harris. A telegram from Rev. A. I. Townsley, of Crowley, was read, in which he sent greetings and a most cordial invitation to the Conference to meet in Crowley next year. A letter from Rev. C. V. Breithaupt, of Houma Mission, was read, in which he asked the prayers of the Conference at each

session for a meeting now being held in Houma. The Conference song, "Hear The Rally Cry of Jesus," was sung.

Report of First Vice President, Mrs. W. T. Cunningham, was read and accepted, the Conference giving a standing appreciation of same.

Report of Superintendent of Social Service, Mrs. E. R. Kennedy, was read and accepted. Following this Mrs. Lipscomb, in an impressive manner, emphasized the importance of the work of Social Service, the holding of these meetings, and the reporting of same.

Report of Superintendent of Supplies, Mrs. A. F. Godat, was read and accepted. By request Mrs. Lipscomb gave most helpful and needed information as to what should be reported to Council as to supplies. An hour with the District Secretaries followed, directed by Mrs. A. P. Holt. Each district was represented by a color, and each auxiliary in the district by a pennant stating facts and figures of that particular auxiliary. These pennants were hung around the walls of the church, presenting an inspiring picture of what is being done in each district and auxiliary. At this time the District Secretaries made their reports.

Recommendations were read by Mrs. Holt. Mrs. Winstead read a splendid paper touching on methods used in the campaign in the district. Mrs. Lipscomb in an earnest manner urged the women to pass the work of missionary organization on to others. Election of officers followed.

Miss Iles, in a most appealing manner, told the story of St. Mark's Hall.

The following were presented to the Conference: Miss Haskin, Editor of "The Young Christian Worker;" Rev. N. E. Joyner, of New Orleans; Rev. E. K. Means, of Arcadia, and Rev. T. H. Morris of Monroe.

The noon-hour Bible Study was conducted by Mrs. Geo. Sexton, fittingly using as her theme "His Children, Lost Children."

Announcements were made. The benediction was pronounced by Dr. J. M. Henry. Conference adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

The afternoon session was opened by singing Hymn 408, "Lead On, O King Eternal," after which regular buisness was taken up.

Report of Superintendent of Study and Publicity, Mrs. A. C. McKinney, was read and accepted.

A telegram from Mrs. R. H. Harper that her thoughts and prayers were with the Conference at this hour was read. On motion the Secertary was instructed to write Mrs. Harper, expressing love and sympathy of the Conference for her as she waits at the bedside of her mother.

Letters of invitation from both Crowley and Lake Charles, wanting the next meeting, were read.

The Nominating Committee reported the result of election of officers as follows: President, Mrs. Abel Bliss; First Vice President, Mrs. W. T. Cunningham; Second Vice President, Mrs. R. H. Harper; Superintendent of Study and Publicity, Mrs. W. D. Haas; Superintendent of Social Service, Mrs. E. R. Kennedy; Superintendent of Supplies, Mrs. A. F. Godat; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. A. P. Holt; Recording Secretary, Mrs. R. E. Bobbitt; Treasurer, Mrs. J. J. Holmes.

Miss Gatewood led the devotional service; then followed Institute on Children's Work, conducted by Mrs. W. T. Cunningham. Some of our talented and enthusiastic workers of the State, Mmes. Neely, Guardia, Pratt, Miller and Wynn, and Miss Iles, gave helpful papers on this phase of the work. Following this came the Children's Rally Service, conducted by Mrs. J. M. Henry. This was indeed inspirational. Children from Monroe, Mer Rouge, Minden and Ruston Auxiliaries took part in the service, which consisted of songs, readings, etc. Miss Haskin, editor of "The Young Christian Worker," spoke to the children. Mrs. Lipscomb closed the rally service with a message to the young people, telling of the gift of her own daughter as a missionary to China.

A telegram of invitation to the Conference from Natchitoches was read as follows:

"Natchitoches, La., Feb. 12, '16.

"Mrs. Abel Bliss,

Pres. Woman's Misionary Society, Ruston, La.

Natchitoches wants the meeting next year. Third John, thirteen, fourteen. Mrs. L. C. McVOY."

Social Service Half Hour, Miss Gatewood.

Announcements.

Benediction.

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## SATURDAY EVENING, 7:45 o'clock.

### Young People's Meeting.

Voluntary.

Special music.

An Evening With Our Deaconesses: Miss Gatewood, Miss Walker, Miss Iles, Miss Haskin.

Collection.

Doxology.

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## SUNDAY MORNING.

Hymn.

Anthem by choir, "I will Extol Thee."

Anniversary Sermon—Rev. N. E. Joyner.

Hymn 420.

Announcements.

Benediction.

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## SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

On Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock a Memorial Service was held.

Hymn 597, "Nearer Home."

Mrs. E. R. Kennedy, presiding, led the devotional service, reading the Ninetieth Psalm. It was beautifully fitting that this meeting should have been presided over by one who was the warm personal friend and co-worker of Mrs. F. A. Lyons, Mrs. Lily Meekins, and Mrs. M. E. Carr, in whose honor this meeting was held. Mrs. A. C. McKinney, Mrs. T. B. White, and Mrs. M. R. Goodale, each paid loving tribute to Mrs. Lyons. Mrs. Snelling read a paper by Mrs. Carre, giving a glimpse of the beautiful life of Mrs. Meekins. Mrs. Niebergall and Mrs. J. M. Henry each spoke of Mrs. Meekins. Miss Iles, of St. Mark's, told of some of the beautiful characteristics of this "Angel of the Slums." After this Mrs. Bliss requested the auxiliaries to give in the names of deceased members, that they, too, might be placed on the memorial roll. The following names were given: Miss Gussie Butler, Mrs. Albert Bouquin, Mrs. J. R. Holmes, Mrs. B. B. McCasland, Mrs. W. A. Lewis, Mrs. S. A. Colvin, Mrs. A. P. Taliaferro, Mrs. Jay, Mrs. Alice Drake, Mrs. E. V. Smith.

Hymn 612 was sung. Then followed Children's Story Hour, conducted by Mrs. A. P. Holt.

Song—"Little Sunbeams."
Story—"For Baby's Sake," Mrs. J. R. Miller.
Song—"Jesus Loves."
Story—"Golden Gloves," Mrs. C. F. Neibergall.
Song—"I'll be a Sunbeam."
French Mission Story, Miss Iles.
Story—Miss Haskin.
Benediction.

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## SUNDAY EVENING, 6 o'clock.

### At the Industrial Institute.

Inspirational addresses for our young people, by our young people—Miss Iles, Miss Walker, Miss Gatewood and Miss Haskin.

7:45 O'CLOCK.

Voluntary.
Scripture Leson and Prayer—Mrs. A. P. Holt.
Anthem.
Hymn.
Address—Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb.
Collection.
Doxology.

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## MONDAY MORNING.

The morning session met at nine o'clock. The devotional service was led by Miss Kate Walker, deaconess from Houma Mission. Minutes of former meeting read and approved. Mission study lesson was led by Mrs. A. C. McKinney. Mrs. Bliss gave a few words stressing the good derived from poster work. Following this Mrs. Lipscomb spoke on the poster work and the literature in general. Mrs. E. R. Kennedy gave a splendid message dealing with practical plans for Social Service, touching on both, the negro and the immigrant questions.

Realizing the need of a temperance committee, the President, the Conference approving, appointed the following Temperance Committee: Mrs. A. C. McKinney, Mrs. Norwood, Mrs. M. R. Goodale.

Miss Haskin spoke very interestingly on the Negro problem.

A. R. Calhoun, representative of the C. M. E. Church, South, was given the privilege of speaking to the Conference. He thanked them for the privilege and expressed appreciation of what the Church is doing for the colored people.

Report of Second Vice President, Mrs. R. H. Harper, was read by Mrs. A. P. Holt. Institute on Children's Work followed, conducted by Mrs. A. P. Holt. Baby Roll discussions came first.

"What, How, When to Report," Mrs. W. M. Buchanan. "Mission Study: The aim to be accomplished, and How," was splendidly presented by Mrs. J. M. Henry. Mrs. Lipscomb

brought to the Conference's notice the delightful books and helps now prepared for Junior work.

"Our Houma Mission," Miss Kate Walker. On motion a collection was taken for this mission. Offering amounted to $34.10.

Invitations for next annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society were extended by Crowley, Lake Charles, and Natchitoches. The vote taken showed unanimously in favor of Crowley.

The following were introduced to the Conference: Mrs. R. W. Vaughan, Rev. Mr. Wright of the Baptist Church, and Rev. Pierre Danis of the Presbyterian Church.

At 12:30 o'clock the business of the day was set aside and all eagerly turned for refreshments to the noon devotional service. Mrs. Sexton gave a lesson on mediation, Christ in Gethsemane, reading as a Scripture lesson the 26th Chapter of Matthew, 36th verse. These lessons proved a feast to all. Prayer followed by Rev. Mr. Wright. Meeting adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock.

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## MONDAY AFTERNOON.

The afternoon session was called to order at 2 o'clock. Devotional service led by Miss Iles.

Hymn 350 was sung.

Social Service (half hour). At this time Miss Gatewood brought us a message dealing with Social Service work in the towns and cities.

District Secretaries were elected as follows:

Alexandria—Mrs. R. W. Winstead.

Lafayette—Mrs. W. M. Buchanan.

New Orleans—Mrs. C. F. Niebergall.

Shreveport—Mrs. Ben Johnson.

Monroe—Mrs. John C. Calhoun.

Ruston—Mrs. Joe R. Miller.

Alternates to Council, Mrs. W. T. Cunningham, and Mrs. R. H. Harper.

The Conference stood, expressing their appreciation of the splendid Bible lessons given by Mrs. Sexton at the noon hour, and to Miss Gatewood for her Social Service messages. Miss Haskin came before the Conference and secured 245 subscriptions to "The Young Christian Worker." A workers' hour followed with Mrs. Lipscomb, in which many details of the work were thoroughly worked out, and definite campaign methods were given our women. She urged the quarterly payment of dues and that by December 1st all moneys be paid in, this day to be known as "Harvest Day."

A resolution was offered as follows:

Be it resolved that this Conference memorialize the Woman's Council to so change the phraseology of its by-laws on Young People's Auxiliaries so that young men as well as young women may become officers.

Mrs A. P. Holt,
Mrs. Geo Sexton.

Pledged hour followed, conducted by Mrs. A. P. Holt. Each District Secretary was urged to give her best thought to this. The following pledges were made by districts:

Alexandria, $475; Baton Rouge, $275; Lafayette, $475; Monroe, $300; New Orleans, $610; Ruston, $550; Shreveport, $1800.

Report of standing committees were heard as follows:

Standing Rules read by Mrs. Sexton and adopted.

Extension of Work read by Mrs. R. W. Winstead, adopted as a whole.

Rev. R. W. Vaughan was presented to the Conference.

Report of Financial Committee read by Mrs. Niebergall and accepted.

Report of Junior work read by Mrs. C. B. Carter and accepted.

Report of Young People's Work read by Mrs. Cunningham and accepted.

Report of Committee on Temperance read by Mrs. McKinney and accepted.

Report of Study and Publicity read by Mrs. McKinney and accepted as a whole.

Report of Social Service read by Mrs. R. W. Wynn and adopted as a whole.

Report of Enrollment by Mrs. Pratt, who reported one hundred delegates.

Report of Sale Literature by Mrs. McKinney.

Mrs. Holt read a letter from Miss Bew, one of our own daughters, who is in Scarritt.

A letter from Mrs. Steele was read.

A motion favoring the resolutions to hold the Annual Meeting second Tuesday after second Sunday in February was carried.

On motion, an Executive meeting was called to be held after the evening's session.

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MONDAY, 7:45 o'clock.

Voluntary.
Scripture and Prayer—Miss Iles.
Anthem.
Address—Missions in Mexico, Rev. N. E. Joyner.
Collection.
Benediction.

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MONDAY EVENING.

An executive meeting was held at the close of the evening service. Minutes were read and approved. It was decided to begin work at once for the "Whirlwind Campaign." Excellent campaign plans were given by Mrs. Lipscomb.

Conference stationery was ordered printed.

The Recording Secretary was instructed to get out the Annual Report at the earliest date possible, and not wait for the Council Report as formerly. This meeting closed the Conference session.

Mrs. JOHN C. CALHOUN,
Recording Secretary.

## ADDENDA.

Mrs. W. D. Haas found that she would be unable to serve the Conference as Superintendent of Study and Publicity. Her resignation was regretfully accepted. It then became necessary for the Executive Committee to take action upon this matter.

Mrs. Wiltz Ledbetter, 1134 Dalzell Street, Shreveport, La., was elected to fill the vacancy.

Our Slogan: "A Woman's Missionary Society in Every Church, and Every Woman a Member."

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

(Abridged)

In this beautiful little city of Ruston, where our welcome is so cordial and whole-hearted, we are gathered for our Annual Conference meeting; the first meeting since we have reached our *ideal,* a Woman's Missionary Society. The re-adjustment to meet this *ideal* has given some small measure of embarassment to the work and workers. We bring no note of discouragement, for we are full of hope and faith; first, faith in God who helps us to surmount all difficulties; and second, faith in the women of our Conference, who stand for the work of our great organization, with hearts full of love for God, for His work, for His people—remembering their next door neighbor and those in need of uplift and the "Bread of Life" throughout the whole wide world.

We praise God for His guidance and help, and to Him we ascribe the glory as we recount our successes. Our failures we are sorry for and plead to be forgiven for all of our shortcomings, pledging more faithful allegiance. We have come to this Annual meeting with just one purpose in our heart, with just one prayer, that we may receive such a blessing, such an outpouring of His Holy Spirit, that we shall forever live upon a higher level because of our gathering here. We want to go from

this meeting fortified to battle with the sin and sorrow of this world, having in our own souls the remedy that shall make life bright and hearts joyous. It seems to me that the Christian womanhood of our Church have a great mission to perform, and if here in this meeting we shall catch a fresh vision, we shall be enabled to take our place, to do our part in the great scheme of "Social Service" outlined by our "Council" and so clearly described in the "Sermon on the Mount." Immediately after the close of our last meeting plans were begun for the strengthening of our work. The services of Mrs. S. S. Harris, the Field Secretary, were secured for a fall campaign, when every District received the inspiration of a visit from Mrs. Harris, whose close contact with every phase of the work and whose devotion to the work makes her visits so helpful. The Annual District meetings and Institutes were held at this time and Mrs. Harris was indeed helpful in these meetings and in the organization of several new societies. "Our Campaign" had been on for some time and we counted our gains at these District meetings. The result? Not all that we had hoped for. Your Executive Committee felt that many had failed to catch the campaign spirit. Some had failed to go to the Altar for live coals, and so their fires burned very low or were entirely extinguished. But here, to-day, we are to plan a fresh campaign, to make our Conference Slogan a reality, and to redouble our efforts until we shall really have "an organization in every Church in the Conference, and every woman a member." So my sisters, "Our Campaign" is just begun, and all the year we are to work and pray until we reach the goal. The receipts for the year show some increase, but our Pledge of last year, made to the Council, is not paid; our disappointment is very keen, but we shall continue to strive and we must succeed in 1916. I want to urge you to magnify the District work and the office of District Secretary. Let us cultivate District plans and methods and let every auxiliary join hands with the one next to her and make the District organization complete and strong. My sisters in the churches, you can do this, and to this end I urge the District to redouble their efforts, going to work systematically and patiently, until every church is won. Yesterday in Executive

Committee, according to a pre-arranged plan, several of the Presiding Elders from the near-by districts met with your committee, and I want to bring to you this glad note of encouragement, that the leaders of our church in the districts are with us in this forward movement, and promise us their help and hearty co-operation. And this help I believe will spell *success.*

The advance in the use of all "Study" methods is very gratifying and the exhortation to push *missionary education* is having its effect. We must mention our appreciation of the splendid material provided by the Council, for the growth of our *Study*; we realize that the studying of our fields and of the methods of our work, and the duties of the officers is the ladder by which we shall mount to victory. When every woman in the Society shall study the objects to which our Pledge is devoted and make herself familiar with their definite aim and their needs we shall not have the black thread of failure running through the woof of the fabric that we bring to the Master, as the result of the year's work. I plead with you that every one devote some hours each week to definite missionary study. You perhaps feel that it is years since you really studied, but try it, you will be surprised to find how a mature body furnishes the ability to be a real student even though the practice has not been kept up. Think too, what a help your study will be to your family, especially in the training of your children; surely it is imperative that you study. The growth in the Junior and Young People work is one of the encouragements of the year's work. To the auxiliary presidents let me say we are looking to you to place your auxiliary on the Roll of Honor. There is no valid excuse for this failure to organize your young people and children and the babies. Please have a Baby Roll. With the thought of our children and education come the thought of our Training School, of "Scarritt." This is an institution we should cherish and foster. How many auxiliaries remembered (I use the word remembered advisedly, for I believe you failed because you forgot) to send four dollars, to "Scarritt?" Let us make this small sum one of the stated amounts that we send early in the year, so that our Training School may finally have its endowment. Let us pray daily for

this institution of our Society and give our daughters the required education so that they may be fitted to do the Lord's work should He honor them with "a call" to definite service. The "Week of Prayer" was observed by more auxiliaries than in previous years. I want to make this request, that every Society observe the "Week of Prayer" next year. It should be a session of special uplift to our spiritual life and so of lasting and eternal benefit to the temple in which we dwell. May God bless each member of our Conference, and may we be enabled through our past experience, through study, through a determination to put our very selves into the furtherance of this work, and through the special "campaign" plans to make 1916 a year of blessing to all.

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## REPORT OF FIRST VICE PRESIDENT.

Friends, I had the pleasure of hearing Dr. S. D. Gordon a few weeks ago and I want to give you the message he gave me: "The greatest thing any one can do for God and for man is to pray. It is not the only thing, but it is the chief thing."

The greatest thing we can do for our Young People is to pray for them. I believe that if our women here to-day were aroused to the need of the young people in our Missionary work, and if they would pledge themselves to prayer for this Department, we would have a Young People's Missionary Society in every town where there are as many as six young people.

Dr. Gordon says that "Our prayer is God's opportunity to get into the world that would shut him out. The great people of the earth to-day are the people who pray—I do not mean those who talk about or believe in prayer; but I mean those people who take time and pray. We must put prayer first and group the other items in life's schedule around and after prayer. These are the people to-day who are doing the most for God; in winning souls; in solving problems; awakening churches; in supplying both men and money for mission posts; in keeping fresh and strong these lives far off in sacrificial service in the foreign field

where the thickest fighting is going on; in keeping the old earth sweet awhile longer. It is wholly a secret service. We do not know who these people are, though sometimes shrewd guesses may be made."

I bought one of Dr. Gordon's little books, entitled "Prayer Changes Things." It is full of choice reading and I want you to get a copy.

My report of the Young People's work is not very encouraging, yet I believe we got out of it more than we put into it. If *I and my co-workers* had spent more time in prayer for the Young People's work, I am sure this report would have been better, for "Prayer changes things."

Another great need of our Department is consecrated leadership. Put this in your notebook and give the message to the First Vice President in your own Auxiliary.

Our Council First Vice President says, "If the young people are to love the Bible, the teachers must love the Bible; if the young people are to love prayer, the leaders must love prayer; if the young people are to love missions, those who teach them must love missions."

We want leadership; yes, but it is consecrated leadership that is wanted. "Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it."

Number Young People's Auxiliaries, 19; increase, 4.

Number members Y. P. Auxiliaries, 388; increase, 42.

Young People's Dues, $79.75; increase $8.95.

Young People's Pledge, $68.75; increase, $37.80.

Young People's Week of Prayer, $9.97; increase, $8.07.

Scholarship given by Y. P. of Rayne Memorial, $40.

Total receipts Y. P. Department, $198.25; increase, $113.60.

Young People's Auxiliaries—Natchitoches; Noel Memorial, Shreveport; Crowley; Colfax; Logansport; Monroe; Rayne Memorial, New Orleans; Parker Memorial, New Orleans; First Church, Shreveport; Mer Rouge; Minden; Ruston; Mansfield; Houma; First Church, New Orleans; Zachary; Wilson; Franklinton.

I have written many personal letters, but I haven't sent the circular-letter to each Y. P. Auxiliary each quarter. I will see

that this plan is carried out this year. Our Council First Vice President says "the success of the Conference as shown by the reports from the Y. P. is in almost direct ratio to the faithfulness with which this was done." Keep your Y. P. Standard of Excellence before your Y. P. each meeting and report each quarter how many credits you have made. Ribbons bearing the words "Roll of Honor 1916" will be given all Auxiliaries attaining the standard. Take for your Motto, "We can and we will."

My First Vice Presidents, I wish you could realized how important it is to send prompt, accurate reports. Only one Y. P. Auxiliary reported promptly each quarter of 1915. Don't fail to send a report, even if it is just a few lines explaining why you can't send a full report.

Rayne Memorial is the only Auxiliary supporting scholarship on the Foreign field. Natchitoches, Parker Memorial, Homer, Mer Rouge and Crowley deserve mention for observing the Week of Prayer. Parker Memorial sent in the largest offering for Week of Prayer, and Monroe paid more towards Pledge than any other Auxiliary. Their pledge was $20.

Here is a poster I want to show you. It is a picture of Christ looking down on a city. He has a look of sorrow and disappointment as He views the town. Underneath is written, Luke 19:41, "And when He would come near, He beheld the city, and wept over it." As Christ looks down on your town to-day, my First Vice President, is it a look of disappointment or approval when He views the work you are doing for the Young People?

At the top of this poster is written, A sacred prayer compact in behalf of the Young People, made by ——. I want all the women and young people who will pledge themselves to pray for the young people's missionary work every day of 1916 to write their names and address on this poster. I hope I will have the names on this prayer pledge of every woman and young person here to-day. "Prayer changes things," and if this great volume of prayers goes to our Father every day during 1916, what a wonderful report we will have next year from the Young People's Department.

As we sign this pledge let us say: "Master, all anew we

will give ourselves to Thee; to send, to give, to obey, as Thou shall lead, that this cry of hungering nations may be stopped and they may have the wondrous Jesus Christ."

Mrs. W. T. CUNNINGHAM,
First Vice President.

P. S.—Read *carefully* and *prayerfully* the report of the Committee on Young People's Work found in this issue of the Minutes.

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## REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

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| New Auxiliaries, Adult | 17 |
| New Auxiliaries, Young People | 4 |
| New Auxiliaries, Baby Division | 8 |
| New Auxiliaries, Junior Division | 11 |
| Total New Auxiliaries | 40 |
| New Members, Adult | 574 |
| New Members, Young People | 50 |
| New Members, Baby Division | 23 |
| New Members, Junior Division | 398 |
| Total New Members | 1045 |
| Auxiliaries, Adult | 93 |
| Auxiliaries, Young People | 19 |
| Auxiliaries, Baby Division | 21 |
| Auxiliaries, Junior Division | 50 |
| Total Auxiliaries | 183 |
| Members, Adult | 2226 |
| Members, Young People | 396 |
| Members, Baby Division | 164 |
| Members, Junior Division | 1298 |
| Total Members | 4084 |

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Voice, 767; Young Christian Worker, 207; Members Mission Study Classes, 674; Scholarships, 9; Bible Women, 6; Day Schools, 2; $25 Shares in Korean Bible Woman's School, 3; Amount Pledged by Conference, $4125; Amount paid, $3674.80; Deficit, $450.20; Increase over 1914, $191.16.

The above statistics show the truthfulness of the words "Everything that is great in life is the product of slow growth; the slower its growth, the surer is the lasting success." Truly the growth in this Conference is slow. We trust that this slowness makes us all the more sure of every step gained. Our adult membership shows an increase of 36 per cent above that of the Foreign Department of 1914. There have been losses in the year for we have in the 17 new adult organizations 2226 members. As we look at the figures of the Home Department in 1914 we see that there were 2227 members, which makes us, in one sense, just where we were one year ago in the total number of women in active service. The Psalmist said "They go from strength to strength." We cannot but feel that we will soon regain those who, for the time, seem to have been lost from our ranks. Let us be in constant prayer for these that with all patience and love we may win them back. After all the greatest work of a Missionary Society is not in adding numbers from year to year, or in increasing finances, but in the lives deepened, character strengthened, patience learned, love perfected in service, in women who are really "growing up unto Him in all things which is the head even Christ." "The things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are unseen are eternal." We do believe in building for eternity. Building never means "holding our own."

The special campaign for organization and members, instituted by the Council, has not been thoroughly understood in all parts of the Conference, else I believe we would have closed the year with larger results. Too long we have been letting the Conference officers and the District Secretaries do both the planning and the work. They are willing to do their part and more, but the task of world evangelization is a "one to one" campaign. "If we would move the world a little nearer God we must all lift together." Let us catch the spirit of this movement and

strive to get every woman into line. With only a few exceptions the Pastors or some representative from the Woman's Missionary Society presented the work on one Sunday in August. In some instances this presentation has been followed up, as it should have been; in others, we seem to have expected the women to live for months on one tabloid of prepared missionary food. We may have been trying to assimilate all these tremendous facts for years. Some of us have been at it a lifetime. Let us not think that the uninterested will be able to cultivate the love for missions on that one taste of food. "It is the steady dropping of the water that finally wears away the stone." There are many whose names have been listed as campaign volunteers. To those of you who have said "Count on me" and then have stood by waiting for another to make the start, let me say that our Great Leader, the Christ, our Captain, is waiting for you, and you, and you to cross the line into active service. "Why stand we here idle?" We have only made a beginning in this church-wide effort. Shall we not make our goal this year to win the 53 unorganized charges? This does not count the women who help to support the 419 churches in the Conference. Wherever there is a church building there are women members. You see then that we have barely touched a fourth of the church centers in the Conference. Some of our best work is done by the auxiliary in the small country churches. Some have said "we can only get three or four women" or "we cannot meet regularly." Herein lies the key to many of our failures. "Despise not the day of small things." Organize if you have less than half a dozen; organize if you can meet only once a quarter; organize if you are the only one there. President Wilson said "You know that nothing communicates fire except fire. You must have a little spark in order to have a great blaze." I long to see the day when Louisiana women will cease to be as smouldering embers and let their lives blaze out for a living Christ.

The District Meetings in October and November were faithfully worked up by the District Secretaries. More auxiliaries were represented; better attendance of visitors as well as delegates—so that we far passed our goal of 200. 46 out of 84

auxiliaries were represented. Mrs. S. S. Harris, Field Worker for the Council, rendered splendid service, speaking from one to four times each day for from four to six weeks. As an immediate result seven auxiliaries were organized, at least seven others are ready for organization; besides the five organized since the first of January. In every place the Lord used Mrs. Harris to awaken many to more earnest effort.

That the number of subscribers to the Voice is not larger than last year is probably due to the fact that many Auxiliaries have not made one woman responsible for this work. The Young Christian Worker has increased about 25 per cent.

Only 43 Auxiliaries reported the presentation of the subject of Stewardship in the last quarter. Other corresponding secretaries must have been embarrassed at not having done their full work as they did not fill in this item in their report to the District Secretary.

Most of the supporters of the Bible Women and Scholarships have received interesting letters from the Missionaries on the field. Some have gone direct to the donors while others have passed through my hands.

Failing again to pay our pledge in full I have tried to find a reason in making the pledges for the district and the Conference in the past and I find we have gone beyond the totals pledged by the auxiliaries, in our desire to measure up to our obligations. We have each year pledged an amount by faith pro rating this amount in the district. We trusted that the gifts of the new members would bring the pledge up in full. Our gain in membership has been so slow that we have not yet reached this vantage point where we can look back upon one full step mounted and the pledge paid in full.

The new department of supplies has been able in this first year of its existence in our Conference to minister to some of the longfelt needs in the several institutions.

The work at St. Mark's Hall and Houma Mission will be reported fully by those in charge. Advance has been made and the work is steadily growing. Another worker from Mexico, Miss Maria Capers, has the kindergarten work at St. Marks.

Mrs. O'Beirne's faithful services still add much in her days of waiting for active service in Mexico. The First Church, Shreveport, has been much blessed in the ministration of Deaconess Gatewood, who serves as Pastor's assistant. A call for a District Deaconess on the Lafayette District has come to us. This need is great and we hope the way will soon be opened.

For the first time in the years of my incumbency death has claimed one of our workers in active service. Mrs. Lillie Meekins, "the Angel of the Irish Channel"—hers is a heritage many may covet. None ever labored more truly than this one whose place cannot be filled, but in whose memory men and women stand with bared heads. May her ministry bring many others to fill the gap in the hard places of the city!

Helen Johnson writes of the newer joy in service since her return to Brazil. The furlough brought much of inspiration to her whose heart is so full of her adopted people.

Two splendid young women are making fine records at Scarritt—Miss Clara Chalmers, of New Orleans; and Miss Ella Bew, of Baton Rouge. Other volunteers have submitted applications to the Committee on Candidates. May we meet often in the place of prayer to pray for those who will one day represent us on the firing line. May we have a link in every District this year!

Charles White in his "Churches at Work" says: "The normal Christian who lets his life in all its reaches become spiritualized breaks every alabaster box and pours the ointment forth. Alabaster boxes are not for shelves but for souls, not for lending but for spending, and valuable only for what is poured from them." May this year find us breaking alabaster boxes and pouring forth the ointment as we serve, as we give, and as we pray!

# Treasurer's Report for the year Ending December 31, 1915.

| ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT<br>Auxiliaries— | Dues | Pledge | Specials and other Items | Scarritt Fund | Total Cash | Local Work Reported | Grand Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alexandria | $137.65 | $100.00 | $ 80.00 | $ .75 | $318.40 | $228.35 | $546.75 |
| Alexandria, Jr. | ..... | 2.75 | ..... | ..... | 2.75 | ..... | 2.75 |
| Bethel | 7.75 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 7.75 | ..... | 7.75 |
| Bunkie | 60.05 | 39.05 | 107.65 | ..... | 206.75 | 7.00 | 213.75 |
| Colfax | 14.92 | 7.00 | ..... | ..... | 21.92 | 95.58 | 117.55 |
| Colfax, Jr. | 2.25 | 2.66 | ..... | ..... | 4.91 | 1.00 | 5.91 |
| Columbia | 17.90 | 3.70 | 7.21 | ..... | 28.81 | 94.10 | 122.91 |
| De Ridder | 17.50 | 20.00 | ..... | ..... | 37.50 | 139.16 | 176.66 |
| Jena | 27.10 | 18.80 | 7.05 | ..... | 52.95 | 4.50 | 57.45 |
| Lecompte | 42.00 | 60.00 | 156.00 | 2.00 | 260.00 | 52.90 | 312.90 |
| Merryville | 47.50 | 22.00 | 9.00 | ..... | 78.50 | 163.10 | 241.60 |
| Natchitoches | 71.22 | 61.00 | 7.10 | 2.00 | 141.32 | ..... | 141.32 |
| Natchitoches, Y. P. | 9.40 | 8.50 | 2.70 | ..... | 20.60 | ..... | 20.60 |
| Natchitoches, Jr. | 3.00 | 8.00 | 2.50 | ..... | 13.50 | 2.00 | 15.50 |
| Oakdale | 54.25 | 20.00 | ..... | ..... | 74.25 | 76.22 | 150.47 |
| Opelousas | 36.55 | 45.45 | 67.15 | 4.00 | 153.15 | ..... | 153.15 |
| District Collection | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3.65 | ..... | 3.65 |
| Totals | $549.04 | $418.91 | $446.36 | $ 8.75 | $1426.71 | $863.91 | $2290.62 |

| BATON ROUGE DISTRICT.<br><br>Auxiliaries— | Dues..... | Pledge..... | Specials and other Items..... | Scarritt Fund..... | Total Cash..... | Local Work Reported ..... | Grand Total..... |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Amite | $47.70 | $ 10.00 | ..... | ..... | $ 57.70 | ..... | $ 57.70 |
| Baker | 6.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 6.00 | ..... | 6.00 |
| Baker, Jr. | 5.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 5.00 | ..... | 5.00 |
| Baton Rouge | 88.65 | 87.65 | $ 7.45 | ..... | 183.75 | ..... | 183.75 |
| Baton Rouge, Jr. | .25 | 5.76 | ..... | ..... | 6.01 | $ 1.00 | 7.01 |
| Franklinton | 22.00 | 26.35 | 2.50 | $ 5.80 | 56.65 | 171.55 | 228.20 |
| Gayden-Pine Grove | 28.55 | 25.00 | 75.00 | ..... | 128.55 | ..... | 128.55 |
| Hammond | 30.20 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 30.20 | 77.00 | 107.20 |
| Jackson | 25.65 | 10.00 | ..... | ..... | 35.65 | 18.82 | 54.47 |
| Jackson, Jr. | 3.35 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3.35 | ..... | 3.35 |
| Kentwood | 31.85 | 11.00 | 4.10 | ..... | 46.95 | 152.70 | 199.65 |
| Kentwood, Jr. | 2.25 | .94 | ..... | ..... | 3.19 | ..... | 3.19 |
| St. Francisville | 27.55 | 8.25 | ..... | ..... | 35.80 | 15.10 | 50.90 |
| St. Francisville, Jr. | .30 | ..... | ..... | ..... | .30 | ..... | .30 |
| Wilson | 81.05 | ..... | ..... | 4.45 | 85.50 | 27.00 | 112.50 |
| Wilson, Jr. | 2.11 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2.11 | ..... | 2.11 |
| Zachary | 12.85 | ..... | .75 | ..... | 13.70 | ..... | 13.70 |
| District Collection | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1.80 | ..... | 1.80 |
| Totals | $415.41 | $184.95 | $ 89.80 | $ 10.25 | $702.21 | $463.17 | $1165.38 |

| LAFAYETTE DISTRICT.<br>Auxiliaries— | Dues..... | Pledge ..... | Specials and other Items..... | Scarritt Fund..... | Total Cash..... | Local Work Reported ..... | Grand Total..... |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Crowley | $81.90 | $135.00 | $ 45.20 | $ 1.30 | $263.40 | $1096.02 | $1359.42 |
| Crowley, Y. P. | 5.05 | ..... | 1.00 | ..... | 6.05 | ..... | 6.05 |
| Crowley, Jr. | .30 | 2.90 | 1.00 | ..... | 4.20 | ..... | 4.20 |
| Houma | 36.85 | 5.15 | 9.25 | ..... | 51.25 | 154.91 | 206.16 |
| Houma, Y. P. | 5.80 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 5.80 | ..... | 5.80 |
| Houma, Jr. | 2.50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2.50 | 2.75 | 5.25 |
| Lafayette | 103.10 | 58.00 | 14.00 | ..... | 175.10 | 137.25 | 312.35 |
| Lafayette, Jr. | 8.85 | 5.00 | ..... | ..... | 13.85 | ..... | 13.85 |
| Lake Arthur | 34.00 | 19.00 | 2.65 | ..... | 55.65 | 37.40 | 93.05 |
| Lake Arthur, Jr. | 5.04 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 5.04 | ..... | 5.04 |
| Lake Charles | 68.45 | 31.00 | 3.00 | ..... | 102.45 | ..... | 102.45 |
| Morgan City | 6.30 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 6.30 | ..... | 6.30 |
| New Iberia | 59.00 | 10.35 | ..... | ..... | 69.35 | 198.35 | 267.70 |
| Patterson, Jr. | 2.55 | 4.17 | ..... | ..... | 6.72 | ..... | 6.72 |
| Rayne | 52.50 | 56.10 | 20.00 | 2.00 | 130.60 | 144.85 | 275.45 |
| Rayne, Jr. | 3.40 | 1.60 | ..... | ..... | 5.00 | ..... | 5.00 |
| Sulphur | 28.75 | 8.00 | 1.90 | ..... | 38.65 | 73.20 | 111.85 |
| West Lake, Jr. | .60 | ..... | ..... | ..... | .60 | ..... | .60 |
| District Collection | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 18.00 | ..... | 18.00 |
| Totals | $504.94 | $336.27 | $ 98.00 | $ 3.30 | $960.51 | $1844.73 | $2805.24 |

| MONROE DISTRICT. Auxiliaries— | Dues | Pledge | Specials and other Items | Scarritt Fund | Total Cash | Local Work Reported | Grand Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gilbert | $32.25 | $ 5.00 | ..... | ..... | $37.25 | ..... | $ 37.25 |
| Mer Rouge | 31.80 | ..... | $10.00 | ..... | 41.80 | $58.60 | 100.40 |
| Mer Rouge, Y. P. | 3.75 | ..... | 1.80 | ..... | 5.55 | 3.50 | 9.05 |
| Mer Rouge, Jr. | 3.85 | .75 | ..... | ..... | 4.60 | ..... | 4.60 |
| Monroe | 75.70 | 120.00 | 9.40 | ..... | 205.10 | 160.25 | 365.35 |
| Monroe, Y. P. | 4.50 | 20.00 | ..... | ..... | 24.50 | ..... | 24.50 |
| Monroe, Jr. | 11.10 | 1.00 | ..... | ..... | 12.10 | 10.00 | 22.10 |
| Oak Ridge | 42.75 | 30.00 | 5.00 | $1.15 | 78.90 | 104.55 | 183.45 |
| Oak Ridge, Jr. | 10.15 | 8.16 | .75 | ..... | 19.06 | ..... | 19.06 |
| Rayville | 67.97 | 50.00 | 3.00 | ..... | 120.97 | 202.55 | 323.52 |
| Waterproof | 46.50 | 5.00 | ..... | ..... | 51.50 | ..... | 51.50 |
| Waterproof, Jr. | ..... | .90 | ..... | ..... | .90 | ..... | .90 |
| West Monroe | 51.25 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 51.25 | 100.55 | 151.80 |
| West Monroe, Jr. | 2.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2.00 | ..... | 2.00 |
| Winnsboro | 52.30 | 50.00 | ..... | ..... | 102.30 | 148.00 | 250.30 |
| Totals | $435.87 | $290.81 | $ 29.95 | $ 1.15 | $757.78 | $788.00 | $1545.78 |

| NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.<br>Auxiliaries— | Dues..... | Pledge..... | Specials and other Items..... | Scarritt Fund..... | Total Cash..... | Local Work Reported ..... | Grand Total..... |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Algiers | $39.95 | $ 10.00 | $ 4.21 | ..... | $ 54.16 | $100.14 | $154.30 |
| Algiers, Jr. | 2.10 | 5.00 | ..... | ..... | 7.10 | ..... | 7.10 |
| Carrollton | 76.75 | 65.00 | 78.30 | ..... | 220.05 | 192.43 | 412.48 |
| Carrollton, Jr. | ..... | 3.56 | 1.80 | ..... | 5.36 | 12.50 | 17.86 |
| Felicity | 52.14 | 39.00 | 2.57 | ..... | 93.71 | 48.53 | 142.24 |
| First Church | 136.56 | 50.00 | 12.84 | ..... | 199.40 | 157.04 | 356.44 |
| First Church, Jr. | 4.25 | 10.54 | 5.35 | ..... | 20.14 | 16.63 | 36.77 |
| First Church, Jr., Lg | 3.35 | 3.39 | ..... | ..... | 6.74 | ..... | 6.74 |
| Felicity, Jr. | 1.25 | 1.35 | ..... | ..... | 2.60 | ..... | 2.60 |
| Louisiana Avenue | ..... | 25.00 | ..... | ..... | 25.00 | ..... | 25.00 |
| McDonoghville | .90 | 5.00 | ..... | ..... | 5.90 | ..... | 5.90 |
| Parker Memorial | 57.30 | 25.40 | 5.00 | ..... | 87.70 | 202.90 | 290.60 |
| Parker Memorial, Y. P. | ..... | 6.00 | 3.50 | ..... | 9.50 | ..... | 9.50 |
| Parker Memorial, Jr. | 4.00 | 18.24 | 7.26 | ..... | 29.50 | 4.00 | 33.50 |
| Rayne Memorial | 132.40 | 280.25 | 122.40 | $4.00 | 539.05 | 729.35 | 1268.40 |
| Rayne Memorial, Y. P. | 16.95 | 5.00 | 40.00 | ..... | 61.95 | 68.47 | 130.42 |
| Rayne Memorial, Jr. | 2.75 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2.75 | ..... | 2.75 |
| Saint Marks | 25.75 | 10.00 | 3.10 | ..... | 38.85 | 1.00 | 39.85 |
| Saint Marks, Jr. | 1.48 | 2.52 | ..... | ..... | 4.00 | ..... | 4.00 |
| Second Church | 65.05 | 38.65 | 5.56 | ..... | 109.26 | 25.40 | 134.66 |
| Second Church, Jr. | ..... | 4.75 | ..... | ..... | 4.75 | ..... | 4.75 |
| Slidell | 10.50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 10.50 | 17.30 | 27.80 |
| Tchoupitoulas | 9.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 9.00 | ..... | 9.00 |
| Vacherie | 24.50 | 3.85 | 6.85 | ..... | 35.20 | 23.24 | 58.44 |
| District Collection | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4.55 | ..... | 4.55 |
| Totals | $666.93 | $612.50 | $298.74 | $4.00 | $1586.72 | $1598.93 | $3185.65 |

RUSTON DISTRICT.

| Auxiliaries— | Dues | Pledge | Specials and other Items | Scarritt Fund | Total Cash | Local Work Reported | Grand Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alberta | $ 7.25 | $ 11.00 | ..... | ..... | $ 18.25 | ..... | $ 18.25 |
| Arcadia | 36.75 | 37.50 | $ 16.00 | ..... | 90.25 | ..... | 90.25 |
| Athens | 16.25 | 15.95 | ..... | ..... | 32.20 | ..... | 32.20 |
| Bernice | 12.40 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 12.40 | ..... | 12.40 |
| Dubach | 32.50 | 4.50 | 4.25 | ..... | 41.25 | ..... | 41.25 |
| Haughton | 51.10 | 28.97 | 1.50 | ..... | 81.57 | ..... | 81.57 |
| Haynesville | 35.70 | 6.00 | 3.35 | ..... | 45.05 | $ 34.80 | 79.85 |
| Homer | 113.70 | 61.10 | 3.28 | ..... | 178.08 | 580.45 | 758.53 |
| Homer, Y. P. | 1.00 | 5.25 | .97 | ..... | 7.22 | 5.00 | 12.22 |
| Homer, Jr. | 11.57 | 8.81 | .85 | ..... | 21.23 | 1.38 | 22.61 |
| Minden | 129.85 | 160.45 | 63.00 | $ .50 | 353.80 | 67.75 | 421.55 |
| Minden, Y. P. | 5.65 | 7.85 | ..... | ..... | 13.50 | ..... | 13.50 |
| Minden, Jr. | ..... | 22.32 | .73 | ..... | 23.05 | ..... | 23.05 |
| Ruston | 149.40 | 125.30 | 11.05 | 4.00 | 289.75 | 203.10 | 492.85 |
| Ruston, Y. P. | 9.50 | 5.00 | ..... | ..... | 14.50 | 2.00 | 16.50 |
| Ruston, Jr. | ..... | 6.40 | ..... | ..... | 6.40 | ..... | 6.40 |
| Winnfield | 37.80 | 14.00 | 3.15 | ..... | 54.95 | 52.50 | 107.45 |
| Winnfield, Jr. | .75 | ..... | ..... | ..... | .75 | ..... | .75 |
| District Collection | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4.80 | ..... | 4.80 |
| Totals | $651.17 | $520.40 | $108.13 | $ 4.50 | $1289.00 | $946.98 | $2235.98 |

## SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

| Auxiliaries— | Dues | Pledge | Specials and other Items | Scarritt Fund | Total Cash | Local Work Reported | Grand Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| First Church, Shreveport | $485.00 | $535.00 | $144.43 | ..... | $1164.43 | $2371.42 | $3535.85 |
| First Church, No. 2 | 15.75 | 15.00 | 5.55 | ..... | 36.30 | ..... | 36.30 |
| First Church, Y. P. | 8.20 | 6.15 | ..... | ..... | 14.35 | 6.00 | 20.35 |
| Grand Cane | 54.15 | 29.05 | 7.45 | ..... | 90.65 | 59.40 | 150.05 |
| Grand Cane, Jr. | .60 | ..... | ..... | ..... | .60 | ..... | .60 |
| Greenwood | 61.80 | ..... | 40.00 | ..... | 101.80 | 10.00 | 111.80 |
| Greenwood, Jr. | 9.01 | .25 | 40.00 | ..... | 49.26 | ..... | 49.26 |
| Keithville | 29.75 | 16.00 | ..... | ..... | 45.75 | 15.40 | 61.15 |
| Leesville | 80.60 | 13.85 | 10.00 | ..... | 104.45 | 120.63 | 225.08 |
| Logansport | 53.70 | 9.75 | ..... | ..... | 63.45 | ..... | 63.45 |
| Logansport, Y. P. | 1.85 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1.85 | ..... | 1.85 |
| Longstreet | 13.95 | 10.00 | ..... | ..... | 23.95 | ..... | 23.95 |
| Mansfield | 195.75 | 500.00 | 548.00 | ..... | 1243.75 | 527.36 | 1771.11 |
| Mansfield, Y. P. | 7.20 | 5.00 | ..... | ..... | 12.20 | ..... | 12.20 |
| Mansfield, Jr. | 9.50 | 10.64 | ..... | ..... | 20.14 | 3.00 | 23.14 |
| Many | 40.85 | 20.00 | 3.15 | $4.00 | 68.00 | 60.15 | 128.15 |
| Many, Jr. | 5.00 | .45 | .35 | ..... | 5.80 | ..... | 5.80 |
| Noel Memorial | 83.30 | 75.00 | ..... | ..... | 158.30 | 553.88 | 712.18 |
| Noel Memorial, Y. P. | .90 | ..... | ..... | ..... | .90 | ..... | .90 |
| Noel Memorial, Jr. | 2.60 | .57 | ..... | ..... | 3.17 | 3.00 | 6.17 |
| Texas Avenue | 19.40 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 19.40 | ..... | 19.40 |
| Vivian | 18.25 | 15.00 | ..... | ..... | 33.25 | 77.54 | 110.79 |
| Zwolle | 43.70 | 49.25 | 7.20 | ..... | 100.15 | 133.50 | 233.65 |
| Totals | $1240.81 | $1310.96 | $806.13 | $4.00 | $3361.90 | $3941.28 | $7303.18 |

## DISBURSEMENTS.

By Paid—

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|---|---|
| Mrs. F. H. E. Ross, Treasurer | $ 9342,30 |
| Mrs. Lipscomb, Literature account | 42.21 |
| Mrs. S. S. Harris' travel in Louisiana | 70.00 |
| Conference Officers expense accounts | 334.79 |
| District Secretaries expense accounts | 100.97 |
| New Orleans Advocate, printing Minutes | 128.80 |
| Printing letters, programs, etc. | 40.45 |
| Printing letter heads, etc. | 12.00 |
| Miss Billingley, Scarritt Scholarship | 180.00 |
| Miss Judson, for repair on typewriter | 6.85 |
| Traveling expense of guests to Annual Meeting | 6.65 |
| New Orleans City Mission Board | 203.66 |
| | $10,468.68 |
| Balance on hand | 270.35 |
| | $10,739.03 |

## LOCAL WORK REPORTED.

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| Value of Supplies | $1588.47 |
| Amount expended for Charity | 1062.46 |
| Amount expended on Parsonages | 2313.95 |
| Amount expended on churches | 1239.42 |
| Amount expended Sundry Specials | 3384.42 |
| Amount expended City Missions | 358.28 |
| | $10,447.00 |

## RECAPITULATION OF RECEIPTS.

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|---|---|---|
| Dues, Adult | $3405.69 | |
| Dues, Young People | 79.75 | |
| Dues, Junior Division | 110.71 | |
| Dues, Baby Roll | 16.35 | |
| Pledge, Adult | 3462.67 | |
| Pledge, Young People | 68.75 | |
| Pledge, Junior Division | 129.66 | |
| Pledge, Baby Division | 13.72 | |
| Day Schools | 300.00 | |
| Scholarships | 380.00 | |
| Bible Women | 300.00 | |

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| Retirement and Relief Funds | 141.94 |
| Week of Prayer offering, Adult | 446.55 |
| Week of Prayer offering, Young People | 9.97 |
| Week of Prayer offering, Juniors | 16.24 |
| Special Deaconess at Houma | 295.00 |
| Special Bible Woman's School, Korea | 75.00 |
| Special, Pastor at St. Mark's | 50.00 |
| Special, Kindergarten in China | 4.35 |
| Sunday School, Hunter Scholarship | 180.00 |
| Scarritt Endowment Fund | 35.95 |
| Conference expense fund | 742.53 |
| Total Receipts from Conference | 10,264.83 |
| From Council Treasurer for N. O. Bd. Mis. | 203.66 |
| Grand Total Receipts | $10,468.49 |
| Balance from 1914 | 270.54 |
| | $10,739.03 |

Minden, La., Feb. 1, 1916. Mrs. J. J. HOLMES, Treasurer.

This is to certify that I have examined the books of the Woman's Missionary Society kept by Mrs. J. J. Holmes and found same correct.

Mrs. W. H. LUCK, Auditor.

Minden, La., February 10, 1916.

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF STUDY AND PUBLICITY.

| Name of Aux. | No. of Mem. | Study Circle | No. in S. C. | Reading Circle | Y. P. Or. | Prayer Circle | Bible Study | Use Bulletin | Items Pub. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alexandria ..... | 76 | Yes | 34 | No | Yes | No | No | Yes | Yes |
| Arcadia ..... | 23 | Yes | 15 | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Athens ..... | 15 | Yes | 6 | No | No | No | No | Yes | No |
| Amite ..... | 25 | No | .. | Yes | No | No | No | Yes | Yes |
| Bunkie ..... | 26 | Yes | 26 | No | No | No | No | Yes | Yes |
| Baton Rouge ... | 38 | No | .. | Yes | Yes | No | No | Yes | Yes |
| Carrollton Ave.. | 30 | Yes | 23 | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | No |
| Crowley ..... | 30 | Yes | 10 | No | Yes | No | No | Yes | No |
| Franklinton ... | 29 | Yes | 17 | No | No | No | Yes | No | Yes |
| Grand Cane ... | 18 | Yes | 10 | No | No | Yes | No | Yes | No |
| Homer ..... | 12 | Yes | 8 | No | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | Yes |
| Lake Charles .. | 40 | Yes | 15 | No | No | No | No | Yes | No |
| Lafayette ..... | 30 | Yes | .. | No | No | No | No | Yes | Yes |
| Lake Arthur ... | 16 | Yes | 9 | No | Yes | No | No | Yes | Yes |
| Minden ..... | .. | Yes | 18 | No | No | No | No | Yes | No |
| Mansfield ..... | .. | Yes | 45 | No | No | No | Yes | No | Yes |
| Natchitoches .. | 38 | Yes | 38 | No | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | Yes |
| Opelousas ..... | 12 | No | .. | No | No | Yes | No | Yes | Yes |
| Ruston ..... | 66 | Yes | 26 | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Rayville ..... | 32 | Yes | 25 | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Rayne ..... | 17 | Yes | 12 | No | No | No | Yes | No | No |
| 1st Ch. S'port .. | 182 | Yes | 72 | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Noel M. S'port . | 39 | Yes | 39 | No | No | No | No | Yes | Yes |
| Sulphur ..... | 10 | No | .. | Yes | No | No | No | Yes | Yes |
| 2d Ch. N. O. .... | 22 | Yes | 5 | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | No |
| Vivian ..... | 30 | Yes | 12 | No | No | No | No | No | No |
| West Monroe .. | 18 | No | .. | No | No | No | No | Yes | Yes |

Summary—27 Auxiliaries reporting, 874 members, 22 Study Circles with 465 members, 4 Reading Circles, 7 Young People's and Children's Study Circles, 6 Prayer Circles, 8 Bible Study Circles, 23 use Bulletin, and 18 Advertise the work in local papers.

Mrs. A. C. McKINNEY.

Note—Mrs. W. F. Johnston, Superintendent of Study and Publicity at Rayne, counts it all joy that she is permitted to serve her Master through this department. Mrs. Gaiennie Haynes, of Natchitoches, in "turning over her new leaf" January 1, 1916, resolved to be faithful to her charge. Mrs. J. H. Carter of Car-

rollton Avenue, New Orleans, says it has actually become popular to belong to the Mission Study Class in her town, she is justly proud of her report, and hopes to add Bible study in the near future. As has been the case for three consecutive years, Second Church, New Orleans, was the first to send in the names of new officers, Mrs. Ott of Franklinton, second; and in doing so said, in addition, "We do appreciate your good letters and advice, and thank you." This unusual expression, coming so suddenly and unexpected, fairly took our breath away, as we thought, were there not more than 200 letters written; what of the 199?

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## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SOCIAL SERVICE.

It is not always possible to reduce to figures the extent of work done and the good accomplished in this Department. As I meet the workers over the State I find deep interest, zeal, and enthusiasm, because they hear the call of humanity's need, not from above the skies, but from across the street. I am glad to state that we have commenced work among the colored people; and from their earnest gratitude for this interest, I am wondering why we have delayed so long.

I organized a "Colored Woman's Community Club" about four months ago in Lafayette. We have twenty-five members composed of both Catholics and Protestants. All the officers, except the Director, are elected from the colored women themselves, and the Club is at work in earnest. We have the promise of several other organizations, and hope soon to be able to report these clubs all over the State.

The following is the report for 1915:

Social Service Studies sent out, 340; leaflets, 883; report blanks, 300; number auxiliaries in Conference, 125; number auxiliaries in country districts, 69; number auxiliaries in towns, 32; number auxiliaries in cities, 24; number auxiliaries having Superintendents of Social Service, 75; number auxiliaries having Committee on Social Service, 15.

Number of Social Service Committees that (a) look after sick and strangers, 10; (b) visit corrective and benevolent institutions, 4; (c) study community conditions, 5.

Number having sub-committee on Negro and Immigrant work, 1; number having sub-committee on laws, 2; number doing other Social Service work, 12; number co-operating with betterment agencies, 5; number doing personal work in Mission, 6; in jail, 4; in friendly visiting, 17; number of committees studying social conditions, 9; number of auxiliaries using social service topic as presented in leaflet and in study each quarter, 15; number of auxiliaries applying this study to their community life, 7; number studying topic in regular meeting, 10; number of auxiliary superintendents co-operating with the First and Second Vice Presidents, 6.

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## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SUPPLIES.

In taking up the duties of this department the past year, I have been impressed with its importance and the wisdom of the Society in instituting a regular department of supplies. One especial call was made for assistance from one of our workers in a needy Mission Field, and the response was most generous. An appeal to the auxiliaries made on behalf of St. Mark's Hall for table and house linen also met with most gratifying results. The storm sufferers were assisted also by supplies. Second-hand clothing for distribution through Mary Werlein Mission came from a number of sources. The work accomplished with the little effort I was able to put forth shows how much good can be done by this means, and how ready our people are to avail themselves of it.

The following will show the work accomplished as revealed by the reports made to me by secretaries of the various auxiliaries:

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| Lake Arthur, Lafayette District | $38.50 |
| Baton Rouge, to St. Mark's Hall, 2 rugs, 1 rug to Leper's Home | 13.00 |
| Bunkie Auxiliary, to St. Mark's Hall, 1 box | 12.00 |
| Felicity, box to worker at Houma | 15.00 |
| Kentwood, 1 box | 6.00 |

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| Franklinton, to St. Mark's Hall, 1 box containing 4 doz. and 4 towels | 6.20 |
| Gurley Pine Grove, to St. Mark's Hall | 1.00 |
| Crowley Y. P., Xmas box | 10.00 |
| Crowley (July 1915) 1 box | 12.00 |
| Crowley, 2 boxes | 50.00 |
| Rayne, 4 doz. towels | 6.00 |
| Jackson, La., 1 box, St. Mark's Hall, second hand clothing | 17.82 |
| Money for express | 1.00 |
| Amite, to St. Mark's Hall (cash) | 2.30 |
| Carrollton Avenue Auxiliary, 5 large bundles to storm sufferers, 3 large bundles | 50.00 |
| Parker Memorial, 2 large bundles of clothing and bedding | 4.00 |
| Parker Memorial Y. P., new clothing, Xmas box | 50.00 |
| First Church, 1 box dressing 2 children | 25.00 |
| Total | $319.82 |

In conclusion, we wish to thank all those who have assisted in the good work, and pray that the making public of these results will be the means of stirring up many others to assisting needy individuals and institutions among us in this way.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. A. F. GODAT,

Superintendent of Supplies.

## REPORT OF BATON ROUGE DISTRICT.

Number Adult auxiliaries 15, increase 3; number of members 252; number life members, 8; number Young People's auxiliaries, 1; number members in Young People's, 10; number Junior Divisions, 6; number members, 119; number Baby Divisions, 2; number Babies, 16; number subscribers to Voice, 78; number Mission Study Classes, 4; number in Mission Study Classes, 86; number of auxiliaries presenting Christian Stewardship, 4; number of Bible women supported, 1; number boxes St. Mark's Hall, storm sufferers, 9; number auxiliaries observing Week of Prayer, 6; number auxiliaries giving relief to families, 5.

This report is incomplete I am sure. Most of the auxiliaries, if not all, use leaflets and bulletins. I cannot give the number if

not reported. I know we have some subscribers to Young ChristianWorker and more than reported here of subscribers to Voice. Most auxiliaries have local and social service committees, I do not know the number.

This financial report does not cover the work for the year. Some auxiliaries report, "We observed Week of Prayer," and do not state amount of offering, and again they report, "We have paid pledge in full," but do not state how much pledged.

Dues, $357.09; Pledge, $201.65; Week of Prayer, $18.25; amount in cash sent St. Mark's Hall, $10.35; amount expended on church parsonages, $639.51; Conference expense fund, $2; retirement and relief fund, $1.70; amount spent on local charity, $35.60; amount sent Conference Treasurer for specials, $83.85; amount sent Conference Treasurer by Junior Division dues, mite boxes, Week of Prayer, $31.77; amount sent Conference Treasurer, Young People dues, 1.00. Mrs. J. E. WALTER,
Secretary.

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## REPORT OF LAFAYETTE DISTRICT.

New auxiliaries, Adult, 4; number of auxiliaries, Adult, 14; number auxiliaries, Young People, 2; new auxiliaries, Junior, 4; number auxiliaries, Junior division, 8; total auxiliaries, 28; number of members Adult, 270; number members Young People, 33; number members, Juniors, 105; total members, 397; number on Baby Roll, 37; number subscribers to Missionary Voice, 105; number subscribers to Young Christian Worker, 25; number members in Mission Study Class, 60; number members in Junior Study Class, 44; number Scholarships, 1; amount of dues paid Conference Treasurer, $443.61; amount Pledged by District, $368.50; Pledges paid, $322.60; Scarritt Fund, $3.30; Scholarship, $40.00; Week of Prayer, $56.25; value supplies sent St. Mark's Hall, $45.00; Mite Box, $28.74.

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## REPORT OF SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

Number Adult auxiliaries, 15; number organized this year, 1;

number members 523, increase 57; number Y. P. auxiliaries 4, increase 3; number Y. P. members 76, increase 64; number Junior auxiliaries 7, increase 1; number Junior members 203; number Baby members 27, increase 27; number subscribers to Voice, 207; number auxiliaries observing Week of Prayer, 9; number auxiliaries paying to Pledge, 12; number auxiliaries on Honor Roll, 2; Specials: Day School in China 3 Scholarships, 1 Bible woman; Deaconess at Houma Mission; $50 to St. Mark's Hall.

FINANCIAL.

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|---|---|---|
| Adult Dues | | $1143.79 |
| Y. P. Dues | | 18.15 |
| Junior Dues | | 23.96 |
| Baby Dues | | 2.75 |
| Adult Pledge | $1287.90 | |
| Y. P. Pledge | 11.15 | |
| Junior Pledge | 11.91 | |
| Total Pledge | | 1310.96 |
| Scarritt | | 4.00 |
| Relief | | 12.86 |
| Expense | | 39.30 |
| Week of Prayer | | 135.78 |
| Junior Week of Prayer | | .35 |
| Specials | | 700.00 |
| | | $3386.90 |
| Reported on Local Work | | 3941.28 |
| Grand Total | | $7328.18 |

This is an increase of $648.76 over amount sent Treasurer last year.

Mrs. R. E. BOBBITT,
District Secretary.

## REPORT OF MONROE DISTRICT.

Number of Adult auxiliaries, 9; number of Adult members, 180; number of Young People's auxiliaries, 3; number of Young People's members, 45; number of Junior auxiliaries, 5; number of Junior members, 96; total members in the district, 385; num-

ber of Babies on Baby Roll, 32; number of subscribers to Voice 94, increase 9; number taking Home Mission Reading Course 100, increase 10; number auxiliaries using Bulletins and secular press, 9; number auxiliaries observing Week of Prayer, 9; amount sent to Conference Treasurer Adult dues, $392.36; amount sent to Conference Treasurer for Pledge, $280; total amount sent to Conference Treasurer, $57.78; 2 box supplies to St. Mark's Hall.

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| Adult dues | $392.36 |
| Y. P. dues | 16.41 |
| Junior dues | 28.00 |
| Total Dues | $436.77 |
| Adult Pledge | $260.00 |
| Y. P. Pledge | 20.00 |
| Junior Pledge | 9.91 |
| Total | $289.91 |

## REPORT OF MONROE DISTRICT.

While the Monroe District does not show an increase in membership, or new Auxiliaries, I feel that the District is in better shape that it has ever been. We are organizd to some purpose now, and with every Auxiliary in good working order, we should make an appreciable increase in every department next year.

Our District meeting in Monroe was well attended, every auxiliary represented by two or more delegates, has been a great benefit to us, as it seems our women went home inspired with enthusiasm and a knowledge of how to use our "working tools."

Reports and communications of all kinds are easier to get. In fact, we are coming to know each other as one body working for our Master. Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. M. MUNHOLLAND.

## REPORT OF ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT.

The year 1915 has been a year of beginnings for the district

secretary of Alexandria District. It has been spent in getting acquainted with the work, the individual auxiliaries and the local preachers. In fact I feel as if only one step has been taken this year and that since this step has been taken, we may learn to take many steps forward in the year 1916.

Our greatest shortcoming is our failure to pay our pledge, our personal obligation and gift of love. Some have paid in full; in fact, the majority have paid. Somebody has failed. Was that somebody you?

One thing that may be said in our favor, however, is the fact that we do use the leaflets and the bulletin; almost every Society in the district reports their use, but we have not as many subscribers to the Voice and Young Christian Worker as we should have. We shall work to better this condition this year.

Our district meeting in Alexandria was well attended and Mrs. Harris brought a message full of convincing power to all who heard her. Six auxiliaries were represented by fifteen delegates. We had hoped to have a representative from each auxiliary.

I have sent out all the literature and have written to all the auxiliaries once a quarter at least and to some twice and thrice with hearty response from most of them. I also wrote a personal campaign letter to the President of each auxiliary and to the local preacher in charge and visited four places, Boyce, Rochelle, Pollock and Campti to organize; the latter three effected an organization.

I believe the year 1916 will show better results along many lines for I feel sure of the hearty co-operation of each auxiliary in the district and a desire on their part to make this Missionary work the most important of our lives.

Number of adult auxiliaries, 14; number of adult members, 347; number new auxiliaries, 5; number new members, 35; number subscribers to the Voice, 11; number Mission Study classes, 6; number members in Study classes, 145; number auxiliaries observing Week of Prayer, 10; number auxiliaries using bulletin and leaflets, 11; number Young People's auxiliaries, 2; number

Young People's members, 65; number subscribers to Young Christian Worker, 3; number members Junior Division, 80; number Junior organizations, 3; number Baby Divisions, 2; number Baby enrollment, 27; total membership, 491.

### Financial Report.

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| Amount pledged | $475.00 |
| Amount paid adult | 397.00 |
| Dues, adult | 427.51 |
| Retirement and relief | 17.81 |
| Scarritt | 8.75 |
| Week of Prayer | 71.16 |
| Conference expense | 89.07 |
| Scholarship one (Bunkie) | 40.00 |
| Bible women two (Bunkie and Alexandria) | 120.00 |
| Day School one (Lecompte) | 150.00 |
| Dues, Y. P. | 9.40 |
| Pledge, Y. P. | 8.50 |
| Week of Prayer, Y. P. | 2.70 |
| Dues, Junior | 8.00 |
| Pledge, Junior | 10.66 |
| Week of Prayer, Junior | 2.50 |
| Total | $1363.06 |

## REPORT OF NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

Adult auxiliaries, 11; total membership, 338; Young People Societies, 3; total membership Young People, 61; Junior organizations 9, increase 2; total membership Junior, 178; total membership in District, 484; total on Baby Roll, 7; Missionary Voice, 129; Young Christian Worker, 78; Christian Stewards 21, increase 7; Mission Study Class; held Union Study Class part of year; auxiliaries observing Week of Prayer, 10.

### Financial Report.

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|---|---|
| Adult Dues | $593.53 |
| Y. P. Dues | 16.95 |
| Junior Dues | 11.83 |

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| Baby Dues | 7.35 |
| Total | $629.66 |
| 1914 | 458.66 |
| Increase | $171.00 |
| Scarritt | 4.00 |
| Retirement | 6.46 |
| Expense | 35.36 |
| Week of Prayer— | |
| Adult | $80.83 |
| Young People's | 10.06 |
| Juniors | 3.50 |
| Total | $94.39 |
| 1914 | 60.36 |
| Increase | 34.03 |
| Bible Women— | |
| Rayne Memorial | $60.00 |
| Carrollton | 60.00 |
| Total | $120.00 |
| Scholarship— | |
| Rayne Memorial | $40.00 |
| Rayne, Y. P. | 40.00 |
| Total | $80.00 |
| Pledge— | |
| Adult | $552.15 |
| Young People's | 11.00 |
| Junior | 45.65 |
| Baby | 3.70 |
| Total | $613.00 |
| 1914 | 499.95 |
| Increase | $ 114.05 |
| City Missions, from Local Sources | 1489.37 |

## REPORT OF THE RUSTON DISTRICT.

The present outlook for the Woman's Missionary Society in the Ruston District, is, I believe, brighter than at any other time during the past three years. There has been a steady advance in several directions. There are more Young People's organizations and more Junior Departments than ever before. One Y. P. has been organized since the first of January.

Every auxiliary in the district, save one, observed the Week of Prayer. Seven auxiliaries had representatives at district meeting.

Nearly every auxiliary paid more toward the connectional work than in previous years; every auxiliary paid something on the Pledge, whereas last year there were four that paid nothing.

Our district pledge was paid in full with $20.40 to spare. Amount pledged $500, paid $520.40.

The icnrease in dues over last year is in round numbers $140. Pledge $65, and the Week of Prayer offering $20, making a total increase in connectional funds of $234.

The amount reported raised for local work is $812 in advance of last year.

A number of auxiliaries are increasing their Pledges for 1916.

There are two adult auxiliaries and one Junior Society on the Honor Roll.

Number Adult auxiliaries, 10; number members in Adult auxiliary, 276; number Y. P. organizations, 13; number members in Y. P. organizations, 51; number Junior Departments, 5; number members in Junior Departments, 239; number Baby Divisions, 3; number members in Baby Division, 38; number subscribers to the Missionary Voice, 102; number subscribers to the Young Christian Worker, 30; number Mission Study Circles, 6; number members in Study Circles, 74; number Scholarships supported, 1; number boxes of supplies sent, 6; number auxiliaries observing Week of Prayer, 9.

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| Amount sent to Conference Treasurer | $1289.00 |
| Value of boxes of supplies | 33.50 |
| Spent locally | 1041.58 |
| Total | $2364.08 |

## REPORT OF ST. MARK'S HALL.

Number visits made, 3627; number visits received, 1000; number patients treated at Clinic, 3250; number prescriptions filled, 8044; number public meetings by workers, outside of those held in St. Mark's Hall, 71; number in Sewing School, 162; number in Sunday School, all departments, 160; number enrolled in Kindergarten, 30; number active in Kindergarten, 20; number of homes reached, 2000.

We co-operate with Public Schools, Juvenile Court, Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children, Anti-tuberculosis League, and Associated Charities and Child-welfare League; number Boy Scouts, 47; number Camp Fire Girls, 16.

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## REPORT OF CITY MISSION BOARD.

### Receipts.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1915. | | |
| Jan. 1—Balance, Council | $260.00 | |
| Local | 10.65 | |
| | | $ 270.65 |
| Dec. 31—Total receipts for year from local Sources | | 1489.37 |
| Dec. 31—Total receipts for year from Council Salaries | $2780.00 | |
| Dec. 31—Total receipts for year from 10 per cent app. (Council) | 395.16 | |
| | | 3175.16 |
| Dec. 31—Total receipts for year from Bldg. Fund | | 73.75 |
| | | $5008.93 |

### Expenditures.

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| 1915. | |
| Dec. 31—Total expenditures for year from local sources | $1564.90 |
| Dec. 31—Total expenditures for year from 10 per cent app. | $ 395.16 |
| Dec. 31—Total expenditures for year from | |

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| Council Salaries | 3040.00 |
| | 3435.16 |
| | $5000.06 |
| Balance | 8.87 |
| | $5008.93 |

Mrs. D. B. CARRE, Treasurer.

## REPORT OF MARY WERLEIN MISSION.

Church Work: Number attending Sunday service, 2730; number attending men's service, 720; number attending Prayer meeting service, 987; number enrolled in Epworth League, 35; number enrolled in Missionary Society, 25; number enrolled in Junior Missionary League, 22; number enrolled in Sunday school, 47.

Relief Work: Number patients treated in Clinic, 262; number garments given, 169; value of food given, $182; amount of money given, $14.25.

Visits: Number made, 913; number received, 331; number opportunities for Prayer and Bible Reading, 123; number visits to institutions, 125.

Number using Free Baths, 225; number attending Reading Room, 620; number using Social Hall, 347; Bibles given, 67; Tracts given, 410.

## REPORT OF FRENCH MISSION, HOUMA.

Visits, 641; visits to sick, 63; services attended, 169; meetings addressed, 33; classes taught, 62; Prayers in homes, 69; Bible read in homes, 45; gymnasium class average attendance, 15; garments given, 219. School books and supplies for two families.

The revival services conducted by Rev. Bell from Mississippi Conference proved a great blessings to our people and our town. The members of our Church have been lifted to higher planes of spiritual living. Twenty-four were added to our Church roll.

Respectfully submitted,

KATIE WALKER.

# IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. F. A. Lyons
Mrs. M. E. Carr
Mrs. Albert Bonquin
Mrs. B. B. McCasland
Mrs. S. A. Colvin
Miss Lilly Meekins
Miss Gussie Butler
Mrs. J. R. Holmes
Mrs. W. A. Lewis
Mrs. A. P. Talliaferro
Mrs. Alice G. Drake
Mrs. E. V. Smith
Mrs. Jay

"Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me."

## RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEE ON EXTENSION OF WORK.

The Council having inaugurated a "Church-wide Campaign" whose object is "an auxiliary in every Church and every woman and child a member," and since only a beginning has been made in our Conference, we plead with the women for their prayerful co-operation in the following recommendations:

1. That every auxiliary enter heartily into a "whirlwind campaign" for auxiliaries and members in May.

2. That this effort be continued throughout the year, and that we set as a "two-years goal" the winning of the 53 unorganized charges of the Conference.

3. The appointment of a "Campaign Continuance Committee," consisting of one woman from each auxiliary whose duty it shall be to assist the District Secretary in furthering the campaign plans.

4. That a Conference officer or District Secretary shall attend each District Conference, conduct an Institute on Woman's Work, and meet with the "Continuance Committee" that they may seek the co-operation of the pastors at this time, in advancing the work.

5. That wherever there are as many as three women desiring a missionary society an organization may be effected.

6. We urge the quarterly payment of all money and set "December 1st as Harvest Day," when all our obligations shall be met in full.

7. That all auxiliaries strive to reach the Standard of Excellence for the Roll of Honor; in order to keep these points constantly before the women we recommend that members be supplied with these, in leaflet form, which may be had free, upon application to Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn. All adult auxiliaries should help the young people and children in attaining the standard set for their organizations.

8. That meetings in rural sections be held immediately before or after the Sunday School sessions on the days when there is no preaching.

9. That Council and Conference Minutes be kept before the auxiliaries throughout the year; an Institute on these Minutes shall be a part of each District Meeting.

10. That, wherever possible, the installation of officers be held in connection with the service for the officers of the entire Church.

11. That a public service shall be held by each auxiliary when the opportunities and needs of the Scarritt Bible and Training School shall be presented, a call made for volunteers, and an offering taken for the Scarritt Endowment Fund.

Mrs. A. P. HOLT, Chairman.
Mrs. A. C. LYON, Secretary.

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## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Realizing the truth of the Scripture, "Whoso covereth his sin shall not prosper," and that to "obtain mercy" we must "confess and forsake" the same. And, recognizing the fact made evident by the many recent "wet" victories in our State, Districts, and Parishes, by the nomination of a "wet" Democratic Governor, an overwhelmingly "wet" Legislature, "wet" Police Juries in Caddo, Rapides, Ouachita and other parishes, the defeat of prohibition in Rapides, and the calling of an election in Caddo, that we, as Christian women have failed to do our part as wives, mothers and sisters. We are not partaking of the "cup of His suffering," pressed to His lips by the legalized liquor traffic; which more than any other agency is undoing the missionary work, and hindering the coming of His Kingdom. We, your Committee on Temperance recommend:

First—Hearty co-operation between the Woman's Missionary Society and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, by the discussion of temperance topics in missionary meetings, and the use of temperance posters.

Second—That we unite in prayer to God for the overthrow of the liquor traffic. Frances Willard said, "Every earnest prayer

uttered, hastens forward that glorious day we are pleased to call "the coming of His Kingdom."

Third—That resolutions asking for National Constitutional Prohibition be signed at all public meetings, and forwarded to our Senators and Representatives at Washington, D. C.

Fourth—That all women who are members of the W. C. T. U. be urged to bear silent witness to the fact by constantly wearing the white ribbon, not only in temperance meetings, but also in missionary meetings.

Mrs. A. C. McKINNEY,
Mrs. M. R. GOODALE,
Mrs. W. S. NORWOOD.

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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STUDY AND PUBLICITY.

Heeding the advice of St. Paul, "Study to show thyself approved," which in modern language would read, study to make thyself a specialist;

We, your Committee on Mission Study and Publicity recommend:

First—That Bible and Mission Study be included in the Standard of Excellence. already there

Second—That we establish our connection with the power house of God by prayer circles.

Third—That where it is impossible to meet together for special prayer and Bible study, we enter into a covenant to promote the same in our homes.

Fourth—That a poster campaign be inaugurated.

Fifth—That in order to insure prompt and accurate reports, the questions be confined strictly to the department for which they are intended, and these be printed on post cards that may be mailed for one cent.

Sixth—That the Conference use cards similar to those used by the Board on which to report the organization of Study classes.

Seventh—That in order to have time and postage and litera-

ture, on whatever subject or department, go to the auxiliary through one channel, and preferably, at the same time.

Eighth—That as much as possible we eliminate all "red tape" measures, by combining reports, and converting them into as few channels as possible, that beginners may not be confused and thereby discouraged by a repetition of questions and a multiplicity of duties.

Ninth—That the women who are to take part on the programs at the Annual Meetings be notified at least two weeks in advance. Mrs. A. C. McKINNEY, Chairman.

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## REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee recommends the following:

First—Since no part of the duties can be retained in the Conference for an expense fund, we reccommend that, in addition to the regular dues of 20 cents per month, each member be taxed 5 cents per month to provide a Conference expense and retirement fund.

Second—We recommend that each auxiliary pay $4 for the endowment fund for Scarritt Bible and Training School.

Third—That the first meeting in January be observed by all auxiliaries as Pledge Day, and that pledge cards be placed in the hands of every member.

Fourth—That the solicitation of pledges be continued until each member of the auxiliary shall be a contributor to this fund.

Fifth—That the envelope system be used for offerings.

Sixth—That auxiliary treasurers procure record books.

Eigth—That we instruct our representatives to the Council to make an undirected pledge for their Conference of $4485.

Ninth—That the budget plan be brought to the attention of the auxiliaries at the next District meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. J. HOLMES, Chairman.

Mrs. C. F. NIEBERGALL, Secretary.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICE.

The Committee on Social Service recommends the following items:

First—Closest co-operation with the Church in all social betterment.

Second—That we try to solve the race problem in a spirit of Christian helpfulness and justice to both races.

Third—That we heartily endorse the abolition of convict lease and the adoption of modern prison reform.

Fourth—That we use our influence against the liquor traffic.

Fifth—That we co-operate with all agencies that stand for social and moral uplift.

Sixth—That we stress the necessity of an appeal on the part of our women for Federal censorship of moving pictures.

Seventh—That we heartily endorse the Injunction and Abatement Act in handling the social evil.

Eighth—That we recommend organization of the Colored Women's Community Clubs for mutual helpfulness.

Ninth—In training foreigners for citizenship, we recommend the Night School and the use of Wm. Chancellors book, "A Short Course for Evening Classes." In large communities, we recommend sewing, cooking and gardening classes in reaching the children.

Tenth—That we endeavor to secure adoption of the minimum wage, eight hour law, uniform for working girls, and seats for all workers with privilege of using them; also, early closing of shops immediately before Christmas.

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## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

Realizing that the future success of the missionary work depends upon the present preparation and training of our Young People; therefore, be it recommended:

1. That the adult auxiliary organize to do definite, earnest work with the Young People of the Church.

2. That where there are as many as six Young People, a prayerful effort should be made by the First Vice President to organize a Y. P. M. S.

3. That the teachers of Young People's Sunday School classes co-operate with the Young People's auxiliary and influence their pupils to become members of same.

4. That an hour or more be given to the Y. P. work at each District and Annual meeting.

5. That our Young People be encouraged to send representatives to the various missionary assemblies for Young People, and especially District and Annual meetings.

6. That one afternoon of the Week of Prayer of the Adult Auxiliary be given to the Young People.

7. That we set as our Pledge towards the specials $100 (one hundred dollars.)

8. That contributions from the Y. P. M. S. be given only to those objects authorized by the Council.

9. That we make special effort to enlist the boys and young men from 14 to 21 years of age, in definite missionary work.

10. That a simplified Standard of Excellence be adopted for the use of Young People's Auxiliaries in Louisiana, and that this Standard of Excellence be enlarged and kept before the Young People's Auxiliary at each meeting. The Corresponding Secretary must keep account of credits and report to First Vice President, so that your auxiliary will be on the Roll of Honor.

11. That a public meeting be held at least twice a year and oftener if practicable.

12. That we impress upon our Young People the necessity of studying the Annual Minutes of our Conference, especially those parts relating to their work.

13. That each auxiliary keep in touch with our volunteers at Scarritt and elsewhere, and that one day in each quarter be set apart as a day of special prayer for more volunteers for both the Home and Foreign work. Pray for volunteers from your own auxiliary.

14. That the Young People subscribe for the "Missionary Voice" or "Young Christian Worker" and endeavor to have a regular study course, using as a text book one or more of the books recommended by the Council.

Mrs. W. T. CUNNINGHAM, Chairman.
Mrs. JOE MILLER, Secretary.

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## STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE FOR THE HONOR ROLL.

| | Credits |
|---|---|
| Each Mission Study Class | 10 |
| Prompt and accurate Quarterly Reports | 10 |
| One Delegate to Annual Conference (1917) | 10 |
| Week of Prayer observed | 10 |
| For an increase in Membership | 5 |
| Dues paid for every Member | 20 |
| Contribution to Council Pledge | 10 |

Any Young People's Auxiliary making 50 Credits each quarter will be placed on the Honor Roll.

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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN'S WORK.

While grateful for the advance made this year in the Junior Work, and realizing that this is our greatest opportunity—educating and inspiring our children along missionary lines, we urge:

1. That especial care be taken in electing a leader, who not only has a love for her Master, but also a love and appreciation of children.

2. That we emphasize the importance of having a Baby Roll Division in every Church.

3. That the number of organizations in the Junior Division and the number of Baby Rolls be increased to seventy-five and fifty respectively.

4. That we make a very special effort to increase the subscriptions to the "Young Christian Worker" to five hundred.

5. That the educational work with the children be further carried on through the Year Book, Leaflets, Story Hour and Mission Study Class, and that we place special stress upon the monthly Bible lesson which appears in the "Young Christian Worker."

6. That every Second Vice President make note of and familiarize herself with our splendid line of equipment; study the Constitution and By-Laws, Institute suggestions, Standard of Excellence, Certificate of Honor, also the Membership and Promotion Certificates, Baby and Junior Mite Boxes, the Pin, Pennant, Curios and Charts.

7. That where there is no Junior Division the Adult Auxiliary place as many of the Mite Boxes as possible among the children. It is suggested that the boxes be placed before the Junior and Primary Classes each Sunday morning instead of allowing the children to take them home promiscuously.

8. That we urge the holding of the Junior meetings at a time most suitable to the children of the community.

9. The careful study of the leaflets.

10. That we also ask the children to set as their pledge towards the specials (to be paid through the Mite Boxes), $300.

11. That the children have a part in the Week of Prayer.

12. That at each Annual Meeting an Institute Hour be given to the Junior Division and the work emphasized.

13. That the Second Vice President study the report blanks and report in an intelligent way on each item.

Mrs. J. M. HENRY, Chairman.

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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, at the conclusion of the Sixth Annual Meeting in Ruston, La., beg to submit the following:

1. That throughout the sessions we have realized and appreciated the cordial hospitality of the citizens of Ruston, who have, without regard for denominational lines, entertained us so royally; that we have been greatly aided by the valued service of

the pastor, Dr. J. M. Henry and wife, who have left nothing undone for the success of the gathering; that we appreciate deeply the presence of the presiding elders who have given their hearty support; that we are grateful to the choir for beautiful music, and particularly to their consecrated leader, Mrs. S. D. Pearce.

2. That we extend grateful acknowledgment of the messages of Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, Miss Estelle Haskin, Mrs. G. S. Sexton, and Rev. N. E. Joyner; that we thank our deaconesses, Misses Iles, Walker, and Gatewood, for their generous contributions to the spiritual feast spread for us.

3. That we assure Rev. and Mrs. R. W. Vaughan of our appreciation of the opportunity of visiting the Orphanage and enjoying the delightful reception tendered us, promising them our continued prayers and personal interest.

4. That we thank the Ruston Leader for the liberal space given to the report of our proceedings.

Mrs. R. H. WYNN,
Mrs. R. E. BOBBITT,
Mrs. J. E. GUARDIA.

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## SPECIALS FOR COUNCIL.

Young People—Sue Bennett Memorial, London Ky.; Korean Work, at Seoul and Songdo.

Junior—Gulf Coast Work; Soochow Work.

Baby Division—Holding Institutes; Kindergarten Work for Field.

## SPECIALS SUPPORTED BY LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.

### DAY SCHOOLS.

| Name. | Date Taken. | Place. | Supported By |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1—Mary Virginia Nabors | 1913 | Wusih School, Soochow, China | Mrs. E. A. Nabors, Mansfield, La. |
| 2—Cox-Lyon | 1914 | Sunkiang, China | Mrs. Anna Cox-Lyon, Meeker. |

### BIBLE WOMEN.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1—Nannie Battle | 1899 | Davidson Mem. School, Soochow, China | First Church, Shreveport |
| 2—Dorothy Wilmot | 1901 | Laura Haygood School, Soochow, China | Mrs. R. W. Wilmot, New Orleans |
| 3—Amelia McCutcheon | 1907 | Songdo, Korea | Mrs. J. C. Foster, Shreveport |
| 4—Priscilla Bentley | 1908 | Alice Cobb Bible School, Wonsan, Korea | Carrollton Ave. Aux., New Orleans |
| 5—Hattie Haas | 1912 | Pyang-Kong Circuit, Seoul, Korea | Mrs. W. D. Haas, Alexandria |
| 6—Emma Owen | 1913 | Huchow, China | Owen S. S. Class, Alexandria, La. |

### STATION PLAN.

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| 3 Shares | 1913 | Alice Cobb Bible Woman's School, Wonsan, Korea | Mrs. I. G. Gayden, Gurley, La. |

### SCHOLARSHIPS.

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1—Lee Dicks | 1899 | Holston Ins., Songdo, Korea | Rayne Mem. Y. P. Aux. New Orleans, La. |
| 2—Marguerite Crain | 1899 | Virginia School, Huchow, China | First Church Aux., Shreveport |
| 3—Belle O'Pry | 1905 | Mary Keener Ins., Mexico City | Rayne Mem. Aux., New Orleans |
| 4—Bettie Martin | 1906 | Holston Ins., Songdo, Korea | Mrs. N. R. Grigsby, Minden |
| 5—Robbie Foster | 1907 | Piraciaba, Brazil | Mrs. Paul Foster, Opelousas |
| 6—Sara Burton | 1908 | Piraciaba, Brazil | Crowley Aux. |
| 7—Maccie Haas | 1912 | Choon Chun, Korea | Mrs. Roy Harrison, Bunkie |
| 8—Francis Howell | 1913 | Ribeirao Preto, Brazil | Greenwood Aux. |
| 9—Anna Trosper | 1913 | Holston Ins., Songdo, Korea | Greenwood Jun. Aux. |

### STUDENTS AT SCARRITT.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1916 | Miss Clara Chalmers | New Orleans, La. |
| 1917 | Miss Ella Bew | Baton Rouge, La. |

## LOUISIANA MISSIONARIES AND DEACONESSES IN ACTIVE SERVICE.

| Appointment | | Home Address | Field | Field Address |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1901 | Miss Helen Johnston | Opelousas, La. | Brazil | Collegio Methodista, Ribeirao Preto, Brazil |
| 1908 | Mrs. Nellie O'Beirne | Zwolle, La. | Mexico | Apartado 103, Durango, Mexico |

### ST. MARK'S HALL, NEW ORLEANS.

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| 1908 | Miss Martha Nutt, Head Resident | Granberry, Texas | Louisiana | 908 Esplanade Ave., St. Mark's Hall, N. O. |
| 1912 | Deaconess Elize Iles | Dry Creek, La. | Louisiana | 908 Esplanade Ave., St. Mark's Hall, N. O. |
| 1907 | Miss Kathron Wilson, nurse | Henrietta, Texas | Louisiana | 908 Esplanade Ave., St. Mark's Hall, N. O. |
| 1910 | Miss Maria W. Capers, Kindergartner | Charleston, S. C. | Louisiana | 908 Esplanade Ave., St. Mark's Hall, N. O. |

### MARY WERLEIN MISSION.

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Miss Ruth Harper, Assistant | New Orleans, La. | Louisiana | Tchoupitoulas St., Mary Werlein Mission |

### FRENCH MISSION FIELD.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1914 | Deaconess Kate Walker | San Angelo, Texas | Louisiana | Houma, La. |
| 1915 | Deaconess Grace Gatewood, Pastor's Assistant | Myra, Texas | Louisiana | First Church, Shreveport |

### IN SERVICE IN OTHER STATES.

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1910 | Deaconess Mary Daniel | Opelousas, La. | Mississippi | Y. W. Co-operative Home, Corinth, Miss. |

### NOT NOW IN ACTIVE SERVVICE.

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1889 | Miss Sallie M. Phillips | Homer, La. | | |
| 1904 | Miss Ada Parker | New Orleans, La. | | |

## AUXILIARIES ON ROLL OF HONOR.

### Alexandria District.

Adult—Alexandria, Natchitoches, Mansfield.

### Baton Rouge District.

Adult—Wilson.

### Monroe District.

Adult—Rayville.
Junior—Oak Ridge.

### New Orleans District.

Junior—Parker Memorial.

### Ruston District.

Adult—Homer, Ruston.
Junior—Minden, Homer.

### Shreveport District.

Adult—First Church.

## DISTRICTS PAYING PLEDGE IN FULL.

New Orleans District—Pledge, $600; Paid, $612.
Ruston District—Pledge, $500; Paid, $535.

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## AUXILIARIES PAYING PLEDGES IN FULL.

| | No. Mem. | Pledge | Amt. Pd. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Alexandria District— | | | |
| Alexandria | 76 | $100.00 | $102.75 |
| Bunkie | 26 | 25.00 | 39.05 |
| Merryville | 27 | 10.00 | 22.00 |
| Oakdale | 20 | 10.00 | 20.00 |
| Baton Rouge District— | | | |
| Franklintin | 28 | 5.00 | 26.35 |
| Jackson | 8 | 1.00 | 10.00 |
| Lafayette District— | | | |
| Crowley | 36 | 135.00 | 137.90 |
| Houma | 14 | 5.00 | 5.15 |
| Lake Charles | 40 | 18.50 | 31.00 |
| Rayne | 17 | 50.00 | 57.70 |

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| **Monroe District—** | | | |
| Monroe | 68 | 120.00 | 141.00 |
| Rayville | 36 | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| Waterproof | 14 | 5.00 | 5.90 |
| Winnsboro | 23 | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| Gilbert | 13 | ..... | 5.00 |
| **New Orleans District—** | | | |
| Algiers | 23 | 10.00 | 15.00 |
| Carrollton | 27 | 60.00 | 68.56 |
| First Church | 64 | 50.00 | 63.93 |
| Parker Memorial | 35 | 17.00 | 49.64 |
| St. Mark's | 19 | 5.00 | 12.52 |
| McDonoghville | 9 | ..... | 5.00 |
| Louisiana Avenue | .... | ..... | 25.00 |
| Vacharie | 10 | ..... | 3.85 |
| **Ruston District—** | | | |
| Athens | 15 | 10.00 | 15.95 |
| Haughton | 23 | 24.35 | 28.97 |
| Homer | 38 | 50.00 | 75.16 |
| Minden | 66 | 160.00 | 190.62 |
| Ruston | 60 | 125.00 | 136.70 |
| **Shreveport District—** | | | |
| First Church | 177 | 535.00 | 556.15 |
| Grand Cane | 18 | 25.00 | 29.65 |
| Keithville | 14 | 15.00 | 16.00 |
| Mansfield | 67 | 500.00 | 515.64 |
| Many | 16 | 20.00 | 26.45 |
| Noel Memorial | 40 | 75.00 | 75.57 |
| Vivian | 11 | 10.00 | 15.00 |
| **Largest Per Capita Gift, Shreveport, $6.08.** | | | |
| **Districts Paying in Full—** | | | |
| New Orleans | 343 | 600.00 | 612.50 |
| Ruston | 287 | 500.00 | 519.40 |

## STANDING RULES.

1. Application for all specials shall be made through the Conference Corresponding Secretary.

2. The Conference Treasurer shall notify the Conference Corresponding Secretary when the money is in hand to meet specials, specifying by whom paid.

3. The following items shall have a permanent place in the Conference Minutes:

(a) The address and price of "The Missionary Voice" and "The Young Christian Worker."

(b) The specials supported by the Louisiana Conference W. M. S.

(c) The specials named by the Council for the Young People and Children.

(d) The names and addresses of Conference Students in Scarritt.

(e) The Mission Study Course for adult, young people and children's societies, price and publishers.

(f) The Constitution for adult, young people and children's societies.

(g) A list of the officers and managers of The Woman's Missionary Council.

4. At each Annual and District Meeting, public collections shall be taken for the Conference work.

5. The Conference Treasurer shall advance to the Conference Corresponding Secretary $15.00 per quarter for office expenses.

6. All Auxiliaries shall hold their business meetings the first week of the month.

7. Auxiliaries shall use the Installation Service provided by the Woman's Missionary Council for Adults and Young People at the first meeting after the election of officers.

8. An editor and an associate editor, both living in the same town, shall be appointed by the chair to arrange and print the Conference Minutes.

Mrs. A. P. HOLT, Chairman.
Mrs. GEO. SEXTON, Secretary.

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## CONSTITUTION FOR CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

1. In each Annual Conference there shall be organized a Conference Society auxiliary to the Woman's Missionary Council.

2. The object of this society is to plan and direct the woman's missionary work of the Conference.

3. The Conference Society shall consist of one or more delegates from each auxiliary, a District Secretary from each

district, and the following officers: A President, two Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and Superintendents of Study and Publicity, of Social Service, and of Supplies. These officers shall be elected by ballot at the annual session and shall constitute the Executive Committee. The President and the Corresponding Secretary shall be members of the Woman's Missionary Council.

## By-Laws for Conference Societies.

1. The Executive Committee shall transact business in the interim of the annual sessions. Five shall constitute a quorum.

2. Conference officers shall be nominated by a committee composed of a representative from each district, who shall be chosen by the district delegation. This shall not debar the parliamentary privilege of nomination from the floor nor the privilege of balloting for any person not nominated.

3. The District Secretaries shall be nominated by a committee composed of the President, the Vice Presidents, the Corresponding Secretary, and the Treasurer, and shall be elected by acclamation.

4. Two members of the Executive Committee of the Conference shall be elected at each annual session as alternates to the Woman's Missionary Council.

5. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Conference Society and of the Executive Committee and shall actively advance the interests of the work. She shall sign all orders on the treasury.

6. The Vice Presidents shall perform the duties of the President in her absence.

7. The First Vice President shall have charge of the Young People's work and shall report quarterly to the First Vice President of the Woman's Missionary Council and to the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society.

The Second Vice President shall have charge of the children's work and shall report quarterly to the Second Vice President of the Woman's Missionary Council and to the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society.

8. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Society and supply the auxiliaries with information and with literature if so ordered by the Conference. She shall promote Christian stewarship and shall use all possible means for the organization of Adult, Young People's and Children's Auxiliaries in every charge of the Conference, and shall report each new organization to the Secretary of the Home Base, to whom she shall also make quarterly reports of the work of the Conference by the fifteenth day of April, July, October, and January. She shall make an annual report to the Conference Society and report the preceding session of the Woman's Missionary Council. She shall sign all orders on the treasury.

9. The Recording Secretary shall give notice of all meetings of the Conference Society and of the Executive Committee and keep the Minutes of the same on record.

10. The Treasurer shall receive all funds of the Society, keeping an account with each auxiliary and submitting the same annually to an auditor. She shall disburse the Conference expense funds on the written order of the President and the Corresponding Secretary. She shall make an annual report to the Conference Society and shall send itemized reports promptly on the fifteenth day of April, July, October, and January to the Treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Council, therewith transmitting such funds as are collected for the general treasury. She shall also send an itemized statement to the Conference Corresponding Secretary and to the President.

11. The District Secretaries shall organize Adult, Young People's, and Children's Auxiliaries and use every available means to promote the work of the Woman's Missionary Society in their districts. They shall present a report of their work at the District Conference and shall hold annual meetings in the district and all-day meetings whenever practicable. They shall conduct the correspondence with auxiliaries and send a quarterly report to the Conference Corresponding Secretary and a copy of the same to the President of the Conference Society.

12. The Superintendent of Study and Publicity shall promote mission study and Bible study and shall disseminate mis-

sionary information through the Church and secular press. She shall report quarterly to the Educational Secretary.

13. The Superintendent of Social Service shall stimulate and direct the study and investigation of social questions and shall seek to bring about social reforms. She shall report quarterly to the Council Superintendent of Social Service.

14. The Superintendent of Supplies shall superintend the sending of boxes and needed supplies to ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and to institutions in the home and foreign fields under the direction of the Council. She shall report quarterly to the Council Superintendent of Supplies.

15. Conference Societies shall not project new work nor respond to special calls for aid unless authorized by the Woman's Missionary Council.

16. The membership funds of all auxiliary societies—Adult, Young People's, and Children's—also funds contributed to make life members, honorary life members, and honorary life patrons, are a part of the general fund which cannot be directed by the Conference.

17. A Conference Expense Fund shall be provided by Conference assessment, the basis to be determined by each Conference according to the requirmnts. In no case shall membership dues or pledge funds be used for Conference expenses.

18. The thank offering during the Week of Prayer shall be applied to some specific object, to be determined each year by the Woman's Missionary Council in annual session.

19. The Conference Society may make such by-laws as the work demands, provided they do not conflict with those made by the Council.

20. The last half-hour of each forenoon during the annual session of the Conference shall be devoted to Bible Study.

# CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS FOR ADULT AUXILIARIES.

## Constitution.

Any number of women may form an Adult Society auxiliary to the Conference Woman's Missionary Society by adopting the following Constitution and By-Laws and electing the officers herein provided:

1. This Society shall be called the Woman's Missionary Society of the —— Church, auxiliary to —— Conference Society of the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

2. The object of this auxiliary shall be to hasten the coming of the kingdom of God throughout the world by enlisting the women, young people, and children in a study of the needs of the world and in active missionary service; by raising funds for the evangelization of mission fields at home and abroad, for the maintenance of the institutions under the care of the Woman's Missionary Council, and for the betterment of civic and social conditions.

3. Any one may become a member of this auxiliary by giving prayer and service and by paying twenty cents per month.

Each member shall be asked to make a voluntary offering for the maintenance and extension of the general work. Such funds shall constitute the pledge of the auxiliary. The dues, pledge, and any other undirected funds shall be prorated by the Council—forty per cent for the home and sixty per cent for the foreign work. Opportunities shall be given for offerings to be directed by individual donors for the support of special work. These special offerings by individuals shall not be prorated.

4. Any one may become a life member of the auxiliary by the payment of twenty-five dollars, an honorary life member by the payment of one hundred dollars, and an honorary life

patron by the payment of three hundred dollars, provided the money be paid for that special purpose. It shall not be included in the pledge nor in any special assumed by individuals or that has been assigned to the auxiliary. Such membership should be considered as an honor and should not release the holders from the obligations of active membership.

5. Every auxiliary member shall pay toward the Relief and Retirement Fund and the Conference Expense Fund.

6. The auxiliary shall carry on local work, which shall consist of the care of the parsonage and the charity work of the Church. This work may be done through a committee, the funds to be raised as the auxiliary directs.

7. The officers of the auxiliary shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, and Superintendents of Study and Publicity, of Social Service, and of Supplies. These officers shall constitute the Executive Committee of the auxiliary.

8. The auxiliary shall hold one or more meetings during the month for the transaction of business and for the study of the work. The first regular monthly meeting of the year shall be devoted to the consideration of plans and financial pledges for the new year and to the installation of officers. At the last business meeting of the fiscal year the annual election of officers shall be held.

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## By-Laws.

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the auxiliary and shall actively advance its interests. In her absence one of the Vice Presidents shall assume her duties.

2. The First Vice President shall be responsible for the organization of the Young People's Auxiliary and shall develop and direct its work. She shall send reports when required by the First Vice President of the Conference.

The Second Vice President shall develop and direct the work

of the children's auxiliary. She shall send a quarterly report to the Second Vice President of the Conference.

3. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the auxiliary and shall promote Christian stewardship. She shall send to the District Secretary full reports by the first of January, April, July, and October. She shall also send to the District Secretary and Conference Corresponding Secretary the names and addresses of all newly-elected officers of the auxiliary. She shall send her books to the district meeting for examination.

4. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the regular and called meetings and see that each meeting is properly announced.

5. The Treasurer shall collect all moneys of the auxiliary, keep an account of the same, and make an itemized report monthly to the auxiliary. She shall remit to the Conference Treasurer on the first of January, April, July, and October, giving an itemized statement of the amount, a duplicate of the same to be furnished the Auxiliary Corresponding Secretary. The books of the Treasurer shall be audited annually.

6. The Assistant Treasurer shall have charge of local funds. She shall make a monthly report to the auxiliary, and she shall furnish the Treasurer a quarterly statement to be included in her report. She shall pay out money from the local treasury only upon an order signed by both the President of the auxiliary and the chairman of the local committee.

The auxiliary as a society shall not assume obligation for the assistance or support of outside organizations, such as orphanages, hospitals, travelers' aids, Y. W. C. As., etc.

7. The Superintendent of Study and Publicity shall be responsible for the organization of mission study and Bible study classes and prayer circles and for the dissemination of missionary information through the Church and secular press. She shall report quarterly to the Conference Superintendent of Study and Publicity.

8. The Superintendent of Social Service shall stimulate and direct the study and investigation of social questions and

seek to bring about social reforms. She shall report quarterly to the Conference Superintendent of Social Service.

9. The Superintendent of Supplies shall superintend the sending of boxes and necessary supplies to ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and to institutions in the home and foreign fields under the direction of the Council. She shall report each box sent and its value to the Conference Superintendent of Supplies.

10. The Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and Superintendents shall make written reports at the regular meetings.

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## CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S AUXILIARIES.

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### Constitution.

1. This Auxiliary shall be called the Young People's Society of —— Church, auxilary to —— Conference Society of the Woman's Missionary Council, Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

2. The object of this auxiliary shall be to hasten the coming of the kingdom of God throughout the world by enlisting the young people in active missionary service, by raising funds for the evangelization of mission fields at home and abroad, for the maintenance of the institutions under the care of the Woman's Missionary Council, and for the betterment of civic and social conditions.

3. Any one between the ages of fourteen and tyenty-one may become a member of the auxiliary by giving regularly prayer, service, and a stated offering monthly or quarterly. Each member shall be asked to make an offering for the maintenance or extension of such objects of work in the home and foreign

fields as are assigned to the young people by the Council. Such funds shall constitute the pledge of the auxiliary.

Membership funds and pledges shall be prorated by the Council Treasurer—forty per cent for the home and sixty per cent for the foreign work.

Each member shall be expected to contribute to the Retirement and Relief Fund and to the Conference Expense Fund.

4. Any one may become a life member of the auxiliary by the payment of fifteen dollars, provided the money be paid for that special purpose. It shall not be included in the pledge nor in any special assumed by individuals or that has been assigned to the auxiliary.

5. The officers of the auxiliary shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and the Superintendents of Study and Publicity, of Social Service, and of Supplies.

6. The auxiliary shall hold one or more meetings during the month for the transaction of business and for the study of the work. At the last meeting of the fiscal year there shall be the annual election of officers. At the following meeting there shall be a full report of the year's work, installation of officers, and consideration of plans for work and financial pledges for the new year.

### By-Laws.

1. The President shall preside at the meeting of the auxiliary and shall in every way advance its interests. In the absence of the President one of the Vice Presidents shall preside.

2. The First Vice President shall keep in touch with the First Vice President of the Conference and shall report to her quarterly the full scope of the work.

The Second Vice President shall assist the Second Vice President of the Adult Auxiliary in superintending the Children's Auxiliary.

3. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the auxiliary and shall promote Christian stewardship. She shall report the full scope of the work quarterly to

the District Secretary, to whom she shall send the names and addresses of the newly-elected officers.

4. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the regular and called meetings and shall see that each meeting is properly announced.

5. The Treasurer shall collect all funds of the auxiliary, keeping a ledger account of the same, and remit to the Conference Treasurer on the first of January, April, July, and October.

6. The Superintendent of Study and Publicity shall be responsible for the organization of Mission Study and Bible Study classes, for prayer circles, and for the dissemination of missionary information through the Church and secular press. She shall have charge of subscriptions to the Missionary Voice and The Young Christian Worker. She shall report quarterly on the first day of January, April, July, and October to the Conference Superintendent of Study and Publicity.

7. The Superintendent of Social Service shall have charge of social service studies issued by the Council. She shall cooperate wherever possible in the social service movements of the Church and community. She shall report quarterly on the first day of January, April, July, and October to the Conference Superintendent of Social Service.

8. The Superintendent of Supplies shall superintend the packing and sending of boxes of supplies to institutions in the home and foreign fields under the direction of the Council. She shall report each box sent and its value to the Conference Superintendent of Supplies.

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## CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS FOR CHILDREN'S AUXILIARIES.

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### Constitution.

1. This Auxiliary shall be called the Children's Society of —— Church, auxiliary to —— Conference Society of the Wo-

man's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

2. The object of the auxiliary shall be to hasten the coming of the Kingdom of God throughout the world by giving the children of the Church missionary education, training them for Christian service, and by cultivating in them habits of liberal and systematic giving of daily Bible study and prayer.

3. The Children's Auxiliary shall consist of Baby and Junior Divisions, under the direction of the Second Vice President of the Woman's Missionary Auxiliary, whose work shall be correlated with that of the Conference Second Vice President. All membership, mite box, and other undirected funds shall be sent through the Conference Treasurer, to be prorated by the Council on the basis of forty per cent to home and sixty per cent to foreign work.

### Baby Division.

1. Any child six years of age or under may become a member of the Baby Division upon the payment of an enrollment fee of twenty-five cents. Each member of the Baby Division shall be given a certificate of membership and shall be furnished with a mite box for voluntary offerings. The mite boxes shall be opened and their contents sent quarterly by the Treasurer of the Junior Division to the Conference Treasurer. Where there is no Junior Division through which to report, the Second Vice President of the Adult Auxiliary shall send the money of the Baby Division to the Conference Treasurer.

2. Any one may become a life member of the Baby Division of the Children's Auxiliary by the payment of five dollars, provided the money be paid for that specific purpose. It shall not be included in the pledge nor in any special assumed by individuals or that has been assigned to the Baby Division of the Children's Auxiliary.

3. Names of children may be placed on the Memorial Roll by the gift of ten dollars.

4. Special meetings for the members of the Baby Division shall be arranged by the Second Vice President of the Adult

Auxiliary, at which time inspirational programs shall be presented.

5. Members of the Baby Division, at the age of six years, shall be promoted to the Junior Division and shall be given certificates of promotion.

6. The Second Vice President of the Adult Auxiliary shall have charge of the Baby Division.

### Junior Division.

1. Any child between the ages of six and fourteen may become a member of the Junior Division of the Children's Auxiliary by giving regularly prayer, service, and a stated monthly offering to missions. Each member of the Junior Division shall be furnished with a mite box for voluntary offerings. Mite boxes shall be opened quarterly, and the contents, with all other offerings, shall be sent to the Conference Treasurer.

2. Any one may become a life member of the Junior Division of the Children's Auxiliary by the payment of ten dollars, provided the money be paid for that special purpose. It shall not be included in the pledge nor in any special assumed by individuals or that has been assigned to the Junior Division of the Children's Auxiliary.

3. Names of children may be placed on the Momorial Roll by the gift of ten dollars.

4. The officers of the Junior Division shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and Superintendents of Study and Publicity and of Social Service. These officers, with the Second Vice President of the Adult Auxiliary, shall hold a meeting of the Committee of the Children's Auxiliary.

5. The Junior Division shall meet at least twice a month to transact necessary business and to follow the lines of study arranged by the Woman's Missionary Council, for which programs shall be furnished. At the close of each quarter the Second Vice President of the Adult Auxiliary shall hold a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Junior Division to see that the work of the quarter is correctly and promptly reported to the proper

officers. At the last meeting of the fiscal year there shall be the election of officers. The first regular monthly meeting of the year shall be devoted to making plans and financial pledges for the new year's work.

### By-Laws.

1. The President shall preside at the meeting of the auxiliary and in every way advance its interests. In the absence of the President one of the Vice Presidents shall preside.

2. The First Vice President shall assist in the work of the Baby Division. The Second Vice President shall be agent for the *Young Christian Worker.*

3. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the auxiliary and promote Christian stewardship and shall report quarterly to the District Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary shall send the names and addresses of all newly elected officers to the District Secretary.

4. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the regular and call meetings of the auxiliary and shall see that each meeting is properly announced.

5. The Treasurer shall collect all funds of the auxiliary, keeping a ledger account of the same, and shall remit to the Conference Treasurer quarterly. The Treasurer's books shall be audited annually.

6. The Superintendent of Study and Publicity shall assist in organizing and developing mission study and Bible study classes and shall send items of missionary news to the *Young Christian Worker and local papers.*

7. The Superintendent of Social Service shall assist in directing the children in carrying out such lines of social service study and activity as are sent out by the Council.

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## CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS GOVERNING CITY MISSION WORK.

Inasmuch as the Woman's Missionary Council, Home Department, has need of a standard Constitution for the use of City

Mission Boards, we, the Standing Committee on Deaconesses and City Missions, recommend the following Constitution and By-Laws:

## CONSTITUTION.

### I. COMPOSITION.

1. In all our cities and towns where two or more auxiliaries exist, whether in one or several churches, they shall unite for the promotion of city missions under the title of a Board of City Missions. There shall not be in any city more than one such board. The auxiliaries of a presiding elder's district may also unite to form a District Board of City Missions.

2. A Board of City Missions shall be composed of representatives from each co-operating auxiliary. Each auxiliary shall have at least three representatives. Further representation shall be determined by each City Mission Board. Conference officers residing in the city, the preachers in charge of the churches where the auxiliaries are located, and the presiding elders are advisory members.

### II. OFFICERS.

1. The officers of a Board of City Missions shall be a President, one Vice President, a Corresponding Secertary, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer, and as many superintendents of departments as the work of the board demands. These officers constitute the Executive Committee of the Board. The election of officers shall take place at the January meeting of the City Board.

### III. DEPARTMENTS.

1. A Board of City Missions shall divide its work into departments, each department to be under the supervision of a superintendent elected annually by the Board.

### IV. COMMITTEES.

1. The work of the City Board shall be conducted through

department committees, the number of such committees corresponding with the number of departments. The superintendents of the departments shall be chairman of these committees.

2. These department committees shall consist of at least one member from each co-operating auxiliary. They shall be nominated by the superintendents of departments and elected by the Board in the February monthly meeting.

3. Department Committees meet at the call of the superintendents.

4. Such special committees as are necessary for the conduct of the work may be appointed by the President.

5. The Nominating Committee for officers of the Board of City Missions shall consist of the Presidents of the co-operating auxiliaries.

### V. MEETINGS.

1. There shall be one regular monthly meeting of the Board of City Missions.

2. There shall be called meetings of the Board when necessary.

3. There shall be one regular monthly meeting of the Executive Committee.

### VI. FINANCES.

1. The co-operating auxiliaries shall make annual pledges for the support of the work of the Board of City Missions, such pledges payable monthly.

2. All Boards of City Missions who expend $60.00 or over each month for current expenses shall secure from the Woman's Missionary Council, Home Department, an appropriation of ten per cent of the amount reported by voucher to the Conference Treasurer as having been so expended the previous year.

## BY-LAWS.

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board and actively advance its interests. In her absence, the Vice President shall preside.

2. The Vice President shall be chairman of a standing

committee that shall have the supervision of the building and its premises.

3. The Treasurer shall keep account of all moneys received and expended, making a monthly report to the Board and a quarterly and annual report to the Board and also to the Treasurer of the Conference Home Department.

4. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence, and shall make quarterly reports to the Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Council, Home Department.

5. The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Board, and shall give notice of all regular and called meetings. She shall keep a record of the work in permanent form.

6. The Executive Committee shall handle all questions relative to the employment or dismissal of workers, submitting their action for approval to the Board in regular or called meetings.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS.

1. Each co-operative auxiliary may determine for itself the method of raising funds for the support of the work of the Board.

2. A City Board employing deaconesses or city missionaries shall conform with the regulations of the Woman's Missionary Council relative to the employment of such workers. (See regulations, Council Report.)

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## MISSION STUDY COURSE FOR 1916-1917.

Theme—The Two Americas.

Adults: "World Missions and World Peace," by Caroline Atwater Mason; "The South of To-day," by Dr. John M, Moore; "Old Spain in New America," by Robert McLen and Grace Petrie Williams.

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Juniors: "Children of the Lighthouse," by Charles L. White.

Note: The Study Courses for 1916-1917 are incomplete as we go to press gefore the Council Officers can furnish us a complete list.

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## ADULT MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

### Standard of Excellence.

| | | Credits |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Each new member | 1 |
| 2. | Average attendance at each meeting equal to one-half of the membership | 5 |
| 3. | Dues paid in full and Conference Expense Fund paid by each member | 10 |
| 4. | Conference pledge paid to date | 10 |
| 5. | Monthly *Bulletin* presented—program on the monthly topic and prayers for the work and workers once a month | 5 |
| 6. | Subscribers to the *Missionary Voice* equal to one-half the membership | 5 |
| 7. | Week of Prayer observed | 5 |
| 8. | Young People's Societies organized by First Vice President | 10 |
| 9. | Children organized under Second Vice President: | |
| | (a) Baby Division | 5 |
| | (b) Junior Division | 5 |
| 10. | Bible study class | 5 |
| 11. | Mission study | 5 |
| 12. | All reports mailed to Conference officers by the first day of each quarter | 5 |
| 13. | Regular work done by Social Service Committee | 10 |
| 14. | Representation at Annual and District meetings | 10 |

(Any auxiliary whose reports show that it is entltied to 75 credits will be placed on the Honor Roll. Keep this list and send to the District Secretary at the close of the last quarter of the year.)

## QUIZ ON THE MINUTES.

To be used as a lesson for first meeting after being received.

1. Name the officers of Louisiana Conference and give the duties of each.
2. Give the gist of the President's message.
3. Who was the Council guest? Find out all you can about her from the Minutes, Voice or other sources.
4. Have each auxiliary officer represent the corresponding Conference officer and give important items from her report.
5. Give important items from the Corresponding Secretary's report.
6. Have roll of honor in each auxiliary for members that can give in full the report of the Committee on Extension of work.
7. What does it cost to be a member of an adult auxiliary? (See report of Committee on Finance).
8. What did you as an individual give toward the pledge last year? Have you pledged this year as God has prospered you?
9. Give three recommendations of the Committee on Social Service.
10. Give items 2, 3, 6, 10 of report of Committee on Young People's work.
11. Give items 3, 5, 6, 8 from report of Committee on Children's work.
12. What is suggested in Article 5 of report of Committee on Mission Study and Publicity?
13. Will you begin NOW to make plans for sending your delegates to the Annual Meeting at Crowley?

Conference Calendar for (91)

Pledge Day. Installation
Election of delegate to An. Meeting

Feb. An. Meeting.
a. Reporting delegate
March. b. Campaign for Jun. Mem.
c. Send Reports.

April. Easter - Day of Prayer for Volunteers

May. Study of Conference Minutes
Campaign for ad. members.

June. District Conferences -
All Day Meetings
Send Reports.

July.

Aug.

Sept. District Meeting.
Send Reports.

Oct. Mission Study Campaign

Nov. Thanks & Prayer.

Dec. (1) Harvest Day -
(2) Election of Officers
Send Reports.

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